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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
ON APRIL 4, 2006, BEGINS ON PAGE 177.]

**SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE APRIL 4TH, 2006 MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. FIRST WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER BY FATHER JESUS VELA OF THE ORDER OF THE FRANCISCANS, ST. LAWRENCE BRINDISI CHURCH, IN THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY CURTIS ROQUEMORE WHO IS THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER OF CHAPTER NUMBER 39 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. FATHER?

**FATHER JESUS VELA:** SO, AS WE GATHER HERE, LET US BOW OUR HEADS. CREATOR OF ALL, WE HUMBLY SEEK YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE CALL FORTH YOUR PRESENCE TO THIS BOARD SO THAT ALL BOARD MEMBERS CAN SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE AND SHARE WITH EACH OTHER THEIR WISDOM. GRANT UNTO ALL SUPERVISORS THE STRENGTH, COURAGE AND WILL TO PERFORM THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES TO THE PEOPLE THEY ARE CALLED TO SERVE. LET THEM SEEK THE TRUTH FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE WITH FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE. GRANT ALL PEOPLE THAT ENTER THIS SACRED SPACE THE WISDOM SO THAT THEY MAY ACT WISELY FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLE, THEIR NEIGHBORS AND OUR



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1 COUNTY, THAT ALL DECISIONS TAKEN TODAY BY THE BOARD BE FOR THE  
2 HIGHEST GOOD, FOR ALL THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND WE FILL THIS  
3 INVOCATION WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE SERVE A HIGHER PURPOSE  
4 THAN OUR OWN SELF-INTERESTS.

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6 **CURTIS ROQUEMORE:** WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
7 HEART PLEASE? [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, FATHER JESUS VELA IS A MEMBER OF THE ORDER  
12 OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS AND LEADS THE CONGREGATION AT ST.  
13 LAWRENCE CHURCH. HIS COMMITMENT TO FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  
14 DRIVES HIM TO CHALLENGE HIS PARISHIONERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.  
15 HE'S ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL FLORENCE FIRESTONE COMMUNITY  
16 ENHANCEMENT TEAM WHICH ADDRESSES QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN THE  
17 AREA. FATHER VELA WAS BORN IN EAST LOS ANGELES, RECEIVED HIS  
18 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CAL STATE IN 1987, HIS THEOLOGY DEGREE  
19 FROM U.C BERKELEY AND BECAME ORDAINED IN 1998 AND ACTUALLY  
20 HE'S HERE FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE SHARE-- THE FIRST AND  
21 SECOND DISTRICT BOTH SHARE THAT AREA. WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE  
22 YOU WITH US. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CURTIS ROQUEMORE FROM PALMDALE IN THE  
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. AS I SAID,





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1 HE IS THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN  
2 VETERANS, CHAPTER NUMBER 39. HE IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED  
3 STATES ARMY, SERVED WITH THE 47TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN  
4 VIETNAM, PARTICIPATED IN THE TET OFFENSIVE IN CAMBODIA. HE  
5 RECEIVED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON  
6 MEDAL, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION,  
7 GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM  
8 SERVICE MEDAL WITH FOUR STARS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,  
9 CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND HIS COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE. HIS WIFE DROVE  
10 DOWN WITH HIM. SHE'S IN THE FRONT ROW. WELCOME FOR COMING DOWN  
11 WITH YOUR HUSBAND AND WE'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION  
12 ON BEHALF LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE TODAY AND FOR YOUR SERVICE  
13 TO OUR COUNTRY. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL  
16 BEGIN ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
17 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
23 AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITEM 1-H.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH  
5    15, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, WE HAVE A  
6    REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR ONE  
7    WEEK AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
10    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 16  
13    THROUGH 21. WE HAVE A REQUEST TO HOLD ITEM 16 FOR SUPERVISOR  
14    MOLINA AND ITEM 17, THIS IS THE-- SUPERVISOR-- THIS IS THE  
15    C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION AND SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS AN AMENDMENT  
16    ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. FOR THE RECORD, I WANT TO CLARIFY  
17    THAT HIS RECOMMENDATION REGARDING GENERAL FUNDS IDENTIFIED FOR  
18    THE CREATION OF A HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAM TO BE PLACED  
19    INTO A DESIGNATION ACCOUNT AS OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHING A NEW  
20    BUDGET UNIT RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO THE C.A.O.'S  
21    RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 1 OF HIS BOARD LETTER TO IDENTIFY \$80  
22    MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS. AND WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM  
23    SUPERVISORS BURKE, KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE  
24    PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, ITEM 22.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
7    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THIS IS A 4-VOTE ITEM. WE WILL HAVE TO  
10    HOLD IT, I'M SORRY, FOR THE ARRIVAL OF ONE MORE SUPERVISOR. SO  
11    THIS WILL BE HELD.

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13    **SUP. KNABE:** 22 IS GOING TO BE HELD?

14

15    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL.

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17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 22 AND 23.

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19    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND 23 AS WELL WE NEED TO HOLD FOR FOUR  
20    VOTES. ITEM 24, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

21

22    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
23    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM 25, THIS IS THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S  
2   RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE  
3   COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
6   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
9   26.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
12   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 27.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
17   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 28.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
22   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ON HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 29 THROUGH 33,  
2 ITEM 29 WILL BE HELD FOR FOUR VOTES. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE  
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** KNABE MOVES. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEMS 34 AND 35.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEM 36.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 37.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 38 THROUGH  
24 40.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PROBATION, ITEM 41.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
7    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 42, WE WILL HOLD  
10    THIS FOR FOUR VOTES. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEM 43.

11

12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
13    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 44 THROUGH 72. WE  
16    WILL HOLD ITEMS 44, 45 AND 46 FOR FOUR VOTES AND ITEM 44 IS  
17    ALSO HELD AS WELL FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AND THE REST ARE  
18    BEFORE YOU.

19

20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
21    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ON PAGE 32, SHERIFF, ITEMS 73 THROUGH  
24    76.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 77  
5    THROUGH 79.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
8    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 80  
11   AND 81.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
14   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, I'LL READ  
17   THE SHORT TITLES INTO THE RECORD. AN ORDINANCES AMENDING TITLE  
18   3, ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES  
19   COUNTY CODE TO EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS  
20   ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES TO APRIL 15TH, 2010.  
21   ITEM 83, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES, OF THE LOS  
22   ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR  
23   CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE  
24   POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESULTS OF  
25   CLASSIFICATION STUDIES. AND ITEM 84, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING



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1 TITLE 6, SALARIES, OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
2 THE SALARIES FOR CERTAIN NONREPRESENTED PEACE OFFICERS. THESE  
3 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE-- WILL BE MOVED BY  
6 KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 85 AND 86. ON  
9 85, THAT ITEM IS A 4-VOTE. WE'LL NEED TO HOLD THAT AS WELL. ON  
10 86, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF  
11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO  
12 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26TH, 2006 AND THE  
13 DIRECTIVE TO THE SHERIFF TO CANCEL THE PITCHESS DETENTION  
14 CENTER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE  
15 BOARD CONSIDERS THE MATTER ON JUNE 26TH.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MISCELLANEOUS, ITEM 87, ADDITIONS TO THE  
21 AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
22 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
23 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
24 87-A.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 87-B.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT  
7    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 87-C.

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11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE THAT BUT THERE OUGHT TO BE  
12    ANOTHER ARCHAEOLOGIST TO REVIEW THAT-- THAT'S THE-- WHERE THE  
13    CHINESE CEMETERY THAT WAS-- THE CREMATORIUM HAD THE-- FROM THE  
14    TOMBSTONES BEING USED FOR THE ROADWAY, SO I'LL MOVE. SECONDED  
15    BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS HERE.

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19    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** LET ME COMPLETE THE GREEN SHEET, THEN.  
20    87.

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22    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
23    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** OKAY. AND WE CAN GO BACK AND GO THROUGH  
2 THE 4-VOTE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOUR ITEMS.

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6 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** OKAY. ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS  
7 RELEASING HER HOLD ON THAT ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED.  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND ITEM 22, ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL,  
13 THAT WAS HELD FOR 4 VOTES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 23, ARTS COMMISSION.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ON ITEM 29, HEALTH SERVICES, THAT'S A 4-  
24 VOTE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 42, PUBLIC LIBRARY.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
7    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND PUBLIC WORKS, ITEM 44 IS HELD FOR A  
10    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BUT 45 AND 46 ARE 4-VOTE ITEMS.

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12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
13    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
16    AGENDA. 85 IS ALSO A 4 VOTE.

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
19    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** OKAY. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
22    AGENDA, SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL  
23    DISTRICT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST INTRODUCE THE CONSUL-  
2    GENERAL. TODAY WE ARE WELCOMING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE  
3    CONSUL-GENERAL FOR CROATIA, CONSUL-GENERAL ANTE BARBIR, WHO  
4    JOINED THE CROATIAN FOREIGN SINCE IN 1978 AND HAS HELD  
5    POSTINGS IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ITALY AND KENYA. HE OBTAINED  
6    HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
7    ZAGREB IN CROATIA. WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR CONSUL-  
8    GENERAL TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING  
9    WITH HIM, ALONG WITH THE OTHER CONSUL-GENERALS WHO ARE POSTED  
10   IN OUR COUNTY, SO WELCOME. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12   **THE HONORABLE ANTE BARBIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. MAYOR,  
13   MR. ANTONOVICH, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH  
14   YOU AND TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR MEETING. AS MR.  
15   MAYOR SAID, I ARRIVED HERE THREE MONTHS AGO FROM OTTAWA. I  
16   STARTED MY DIPLOMATIC CAREER A LONG TIME AGO IN SYDNEY AND I'M  
17   GOING TO FINISH MY DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS  
18   ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL CITY. I CAN'T SAY WHICH ONE IS MORE  
19   BEAUTIFUL AND I'M HAVING A VERY GOOD TIME AND I HOPE THAT WE  
20   WILL COOPERATE WITH SUCCESS BECAUSE MY COUNTRY IS SMALL, JUST  
21   THE SIZE OF WEST VIRGINIA, POPULATION ONE-THIRD OF LOS  
22   ANGELES. BESIDES A VERY LARGE COMMUNITY OF CROATIANS LIVING IN  
23   LOS ANGELES AND IN THE VICINITY, THE OTHER-- LAST WEEK, WE HAD  
24   A FILM FESTIVAL RIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD HERE AND WE DISCOVERED THAT  
25   SO MANY DIRECTORS AND ACTORS ARE HERE, SO IT'S NOT ONLY THE



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1 CROATIAN COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES THAT LINKS CROATIA TO  
2 LOS ANGELES BUT ALSO THESE PEOPLE THAT WORK IN THE HEART OF  
3 HOLLYWOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. SUPERVISOR  
6 KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO A GROUP PICTURE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE TO ASK CAPTAIN  
13 JAMES A. DI GIOVANNA AND HIS WIFE, LISA, TO COME UP HERE AND  
14 JOIN US AS WELL AND CHIEF CAVANAUGH AND CHIEF HUTCHINS, IF  
15 THEY WOULD JOIN US AS WELL, TOO. CAPTAIN GIOVANNA BEGAN HIS  
16 DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT SOME 35 YEARS AGO. GOSH, HE MUST HAVE BEEN FOUR  
18 YEARS OLD! IN 1989, HE JOINED THE AERO BUREAU, STARTING AS A  
19 HELICOPTER PATROL LIEUTENANT, THEN BECAME FLIGHT OPERATIONS  
20 LIEUTENANT, THEN DETAIL COMMANDER AND, IN 1999, BECAME CAPTAIN  
21 OF THE AERO BUREAU. DURING THE NEXT 7 YEARS, HE SERVED AS THE  
22 AERO BUREAU COMMANDER. HE USED HIS EXTENSIVE MILITARY  
23 BACKGROUND AS A 35 YEAR MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL  
24 GUARD AND HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AS A HELICOPTER PILOT TO  
25 LIFT THE STANDARDS OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO A LEVEL OF





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1 EXCELLENCE NEVER PREVIOUSLY ACHIEVED. SO WE WANT TO SAY A  
2 HEARTFELT, THANKS NOT ONLY FOR HIS 35 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
3 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS A MEMBER OF OUR GREAT SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO THE TREMENDOUS JOB HE DID AT THE AERO  
5 BUREAU IN LIFTING THE STANDARDS AND CREATING AN AERO BUREAU  
6 SECOND TO NONE IN THIS NATION. SO, JIM, WE WANT TO WISH YOU  
7 GOD SPEED AND A HEALTHY RETIREMENT AND WISH YOU AND YOUR WIFE  
8 THE VERY, VERY BEST.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO JOIN IN IN CONGRATULATING  
11 HIM ON A SERVICE WELL DONE. HE'S AN EXPERIENCED COMMERCIAL  
12 HELICOPTER PILOT AND HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING OUR  
13 AVIATION OPERATIONS FOR THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN  
14 THE UNITED STATES. IN 2000, HE AND THE AERO BUREAU WERE  
15 AWARDED QUALITY PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSIONS MEGA MILLION-DOLLAR  
16 SAVINGS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF OVER \$15 MILLION IN SAVINGS  
17 ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE U.S.  
18 NAVY SEA KING HELICOPTERS. UNDER JIM'S LEADERSHIP, THE AERO  
19 BUREAU RECEIVED THE 2004 IGOR SIKORSKY AWARD FOR HUMANITARIAN  
20 SERVICE AND HE IS THE EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE  
21 AIRBORNE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND HAS BEEN INVITED TO  
22 SHARE HIS EXPERTISE ON AIRBORNE LAW ENFORCEMENT AT SEVERAL  
23 INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AND POLICE AVIATION CONFERENCES IN ASIA,  
24 EUROPE AND CANADA. SO THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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1   **SPEAKER:** I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT JIM. I'VE  
2   HAD THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH HIM FOR THE LAST  
3   SEVEN YEARS, FIRST AS CAPTAINS TOGETHER AND THEN AS A  
4   SUPERVISOR OVER AERO BUREAU, BOTH AS A COMMANDER AND NOW AS A  
5   DIVISION CHIEF AND JIM PUTS SAFETY FIRST AND SERVICE TO THE  
6   CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALWAYS AND WE JUST HAD HIS  
7   COMMAND INSPECTION, WHICH WE DO ONCE A YEAR, DID IT ON HIS  
8   LAST DAY OF SERVICE AND YOU WOULD THINK THAT HE WAS STILL  
9   GOING TO BE HERE, HE WAS WORKING JUST AS HARD ON HIS VERY LAST  
10   DAY OF SERVICE AS HIS FIRST DAY, SO IT WAS AN HONOR AND  
11   PLEASURE TO SPEND SOME TIME WORKING WITH JIM DI GIOVANNA, SO  
12   THANK YOU.

13

14   **MARK CAVANAUGH:** YEAH, MY NAME IS MARK CAVANAUGH. I'VE HAD THE  
15   PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH AND AROUND JIM FOR 28 YEARS AND I CAN  
16   TELL YOU, HIS LAST 17 YEARS HE DID SPEND AT THE AERO BUREAU  
17   AND, IF YOU'D ASK JIM ABOUT AVIATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT  
18   AVIATION, HE WOULD SAY, "YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IF YOU  
19   HAVE A GOOD SAFETY RECORD." THIS MAN BEHIND ME CONTINUALLY SET  
20   NEW STANDARDS FOR SAFETY IN THE AIR AND THE DEPARTMENT  
21   RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR HIS EFFORTS. SO WE'RE GOING TO MISS  
22   JIM AND WE DO WISH HIM GOD SPEED.

23

24   **CAPTAIN JIM DI GIOVANNA:** MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE AND  
25   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I TRULY INDEED THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR.



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1 IT'S A PLEASURE. I CAN SAY FROM EXPERIENCE THAT IT'S A LOT  
2 BETTER TO BE UP HERE TALKING THAT WAY THAN TO BE SITTING DOWN  
3 THERE AND TALKING UP HERE AND TRYING TO CONVINCE THE BOARD  
4 THAT IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BUY 12 HELICOPTERS FOR THE SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT BUT THIS IS REALLY A GREAT WAY TO END MY CAREER.  
6 AND, FRANKLY, THERE IS NO LEADER ON THIS DEPARTMENT THAT  
7 DOESN'T OWE ANY ACCOLADE THAT THEY GET TO THE STAFF AND TO THE  
8 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT HAVE SUPPORTED ME AND LIFTED  
9 ME UP THROUGH THE LAST 34-1/2 YEARS AND 17 YEARS AT THE AERO  
10 BUREAU, AND I AM DEEPLY INDEBTED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE  
11 BEEN AT THE AERO BUREAU FOR AS MANY YEARS AS THEY HAVE IN  
12 SUPPORT OF THAT UNIT. IT'S BEEN AN OUTSTANDING TIME THERE AT  
13 THE BUREAU AND I'M VERY, VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL OF THIS.  
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM AGAIN. NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE  
17 TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO THE 2006 PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF  
18 THE YEAR, AMBER STARJACK, AND WOULD ASK AMBER-- WELL, AMBER'S  
19 HERE. ALL RIGHT. AND COMMUNICATIONS AND FLEET MANAGER BUREAU  
20 UNIT COMMANDER RICHARD ADAMS AND RADAR ROOM OPERATIONS,  
21 LIEUTENANT NOVENA APADAKA. IN 1991, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
22 PASSED A FORMAL PROCLAMATION CALLED NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
23 TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK TO ANNUALLY HONOR SAFETY DISPATCHERS.  
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATION CENTER SELECTED  
25 AMBER J. STARJACK AS THE 2006 PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF



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1 THE YEAR FOR HER DISTINGUISHED DEDICATION AND EXEMPLARY  
2 PERFORMANCE TO PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHING. AMBER EFFECTIVELY  
3 HANDLES ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. SHE EXHIBITS STRONG  
4 PERSONAL LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND DEMONSTRATES A VERY STRONG  
5 WORK ETHIC AND TAKES PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF  
6 HER JOB. SHE ADHERES TO AND EXEMPLIFIES THE DEPARTMENT'S CORE  
7 VALUES AND IS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL TO ALL. THE PUBLIC  
8 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR IS ASKED TO REPRESENT THE RADIO ROOM AT  
9 FUNCTIONS SUCH AS OPEN HOUSES AT VARIOUS SHERIFF STATIONS, JOB  
10 FAIRS AND OTHER RELATED EVENTS. SO, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY  
11 COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT  
13 COUNTY, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT AMBER WITH THE 2006 PUBLIC  
14 RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD. [ APPLAUSE ]

15  
16 **AMBER J. STARJACK:** HI. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR AS WELL AS MY SERGEANT SUPERVISORS  
18 AND MY PEERS AT THE SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATION CENTER. BEING A  
19 DISPATCHER IS A VERY REWARDING CAREER AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
20 ACCEPT THIS HONOR ON BEHALF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS IN  
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO ASK TOM MONE TO JOIN ME, COREY JOHNSON  
24 AND BRIAN STEWART IF THEY WOULD JOIN ME AS WELL. HI, NEIGHBOR.  
25 MORE THAN 90,000 AMERICANS SUFFERING FROM VERY SEVERE ILLNESS



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1 ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THE DONATION OF A LIFE-SAVING HEART, LIVER,  
2 KIDNEY, LUNG OR PANCREAS FOR TRANSPLANT AND MANY MORE ARE IN  
3 DESPERATE NEED OF DONATED BONES, SKIN, CONNECTIVE TISSUE AND  
4 CORNEAS TO REGAIN A NORMAL LIFESTYLE. IN EARLY 2005,  
5 CALIFORNIA JOINED 33 OTHER STATES IN ALLOWING ITS RESIDENTS TO  
6 OFFICIALLY REGISTER THE COMMITMENT TO DONATE LIFE AND, SINCE  
7 ITS INCEPTION, MORE THAN 125,000 CALIFORNIANS HAVE SIGNED ON  
8 TO THE DONATE FOR LIFE CALIFORNIA, THE PRIVATE NONPROFIT STATE  
9 AUTHORIZED ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY DEDICATED TO SAVING  
10 THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF CALIFORNIANS AWAITING LIFE- SAVING  
11 TRANSPLANTS. NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
12 DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK SUPPORTS PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ENROLLMENT  
13 EFFORTS FOR THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR  
14 REGISTRY, WITH A FULL DAY OF COMPETITIVE RUNNING, HONORARY  
15 WALKING, FAMILY FESTIVITIES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, PROVIDING  
16 INFORMATION REGARDING DONATE LIFE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS  
17 SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, AT CAL STATE FULLERTON.  
18 SO, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
19 RECOGNIZE THIS PROGRAM AND TO URGE ALL MEMBERS AND ALL  
20 CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DONATING BUT  
21 ALSO THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DONATE AND TO REGISTER, SO  
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **TOM MONE:** SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. WE AT ONE  
25 LEGACY AND ALL OF DONATE LIFE ACROSS THE COUNTRY APPRECIATE





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1 THIS HONOR RECOGNIZING DONATE LIFE MONTH, WHICH GOES ON IN  
2 MONTH OF APRIL ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. I SHOULD POINT OUT  
3 AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T SHARE THAT, THIS LAST YEAR,  
4 WE SAW A 10% INCREASE IN DONATION AND LIVES SAVED HERE IN  
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALONE, OUTDISTANCING THE REST OF THE  
6 COUNTRY, WHICH SAW A VERY NICE HEALTHY 7% INCREASE. THIS  
7 GROWTH HAS COME THROUGH THE COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION OF  
8 ALL OF THE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THROUGHOUT THE  
9 COUNTY, PARTICULARLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE SHERIFF'S  
10 DEPARTMENT, THE CORONER, MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE HAVE BEEN  
11 EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN WORKING WITH US AND, OF COURSE, THE  
12 DOCTOR'S HOSPITALS, NURSES, PEOPLE CARING FOR PATIENTS AND  
13 FAMILIES IN CRISIS AND, ULTIMATELY OF COURSE, THOSE FAMILIES  
14 WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE AND MAKE SOME GOOD  
15 COME OUT OF A TRAGIC SITUATION BY HELPING OTHERS. WE ALSO HAVE  
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE, THIS MONTH, THE ONE-YEAR  
17 ANNIVERSARY OF THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA DONOR REGISTRY,  
18 WHICH WAS STARTED WITH THE HOPES WE WOULD HAVE 15,000  
19 ENROLLEES AFTER A YEAR, AND WE HAVE 250,000. TREMENDOUS,  
20 TREMENDOUS COMMITMENT AND GIFT ON THE PART OF THE CITIZENS OF  
21 CALIFORNIA. AND, IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, THE DONATE LIFE  
22 REGISTRY GETS TIED INTO THE DMV. AND YOUR LITTLE PINK DOT THAT  
23 ALWAYS FALLS OFF YOUR LICENSE, YOU CAN MAKE IT STICK BY SIMPLY  
24 CHECKING OFF THE BOX AND IT'LL BE PRINTED ON YOUR LICENSE NEXT  
25 TIME AND WON'T FALL OFF. NOW, WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO



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1 INTRODUCE TO YOU SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN TOUCHED BY A DONATION AND  
2 TRANSPLANT, CORA JOHNSON, ONE OF THE ONE LEGACY AMBASSADORS.

3

4 **CORA JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING. A FEW YEARS AGO, MY HUSBAND WAS  
5 DIAGNOSED WITH SEVERE CARDIOMYOPATHY AND HE WAS PLACED ON THE  
6 TRANSPLANT LIST. HE WAITED 14 MONTHS TO GET HIS TRANSPLANT BUT  
7 FINALLY HE GOT A HEART THROUGH THE GENEROUS DONATION OF A  
8 WONDERFUL FAMILY. BECAUSE OF THIS DONATION, MY HUSBAND NOW HAS  
9 A NEW LIFE, HE'S ABLE TO TRY TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES,  
10 THROUGH VOLUNTEERING WITH MENDED HEARTS AND ALSO ONE LEGACY.  
11 BUT I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT, WAIT, THERE'S MORE, JUST LIKE THE  
12 COMMERCIAL. A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, MY HUSBAND DECIDED HE'D  
13 LIKE TO MEET THE DONOR FAMILY AND SO WE WENT UP NORTH TO MEET  
14 THE BAPTISTES, WHO WERE SO GENEROUS IN DONATING THE ORGANS OF  
15 THEIR ONLY SON. THEY LITERALLY GAVE LIFE TO MY HUSBAND AND TO  
16 MANY OTHER PEOPLE. THE NIGHT THAT WE MET THEM WAS VERY JOYOUS  
17 AND ALSO VERY TOUCHING. LITERALLY TOUCHING. AS WE WERE LEAVING  
18 THAT NIGHT, COLLEEN, THE MOTHER OF THE YOUNG MAN WHO DONATED  
19 HIS ORGANS, REACHED OUT AND SHE SAID, "I WANT TO TOUCH YOUR  
20 CHEST. I WANT TO FEEL THE HEART THAT'S BEATING INSIDE OF YOU."  
21 IF YOU'RE AS TOUCHED AS I WAS THEN, PLEASE, GET ON THIS LIST,  
22 REGISTER AT DONATELIFECALIFORNIA.ORG. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE  
23 KEEP THIS GOING AND THAT WE GROW THIS LIST SO THAT MORE PEOPLE  
24 ARE ABLE TO REGAIN THEIR LIVES AS MY HUSBAND DID. THANK YOU. [  
25 APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I MIGHT ADD, CORA IS A NEIGHBOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS THE MONTH WHERE WE RECOGNIZE  
5 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, WHO IS  
6 THE DIRECTOR, AS WE PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 3RD THROUGH 9TH  
7 AS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. NOW, THIS IS THE  
8 19TH ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY OUR  
9 COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, IN  
10 COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND  
11 SCHOOLS. THIS YEAR'S PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK'S THEME IS BUILDING  
12 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES TOGETHER. THE PURPOSE IS TO INCREASE  
13 AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ONGOING EFFORTS MADE BY THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND ITS PARTNERS  
15 IN PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF DISEASES AND  
16 ENSURING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL. ALL RESIDENTS ARE  
17 INVITED TO ATTEND THE MANY ACTIVITIES AND FAIRS AND CLINICS  
18 THAT WE'LL BE HAVING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO, DR. FIELDING,  
19 ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, LET US GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION.

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I WANT TO  
22 THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
23 AND I ACCEPT THIS ON BEHALF OF EVERY EMPLOYEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 BUT MOREOVER, ON BEHALF OF EVERYBODY, OUR PARTNERS WITHIN THE  
25 COUNTY, OUR PARTNERS IN BUSINESS, IN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS



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1 AND THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ALL OF  
2 WHOM WORK TOGETHER TO TRY AND IMPROVE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH,  
3 WHETHER IT'S PREVENTING BIOTERRORISM, WHETHER IT'S RESPONDING  
4 TO PANDEMIC FLU THREATS, WHETHER IT'S DRUG ABUSE, A.I.D.S.,  
5 PUBLIC HEALTH HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE  
6 HEALTH OF EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE THANK  
7 YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND THIS SUPPORT. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME MICHAEL  
10 BROOKS, WHO IS THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR  
11 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO JOIN THE BOARD. ALSO, JOYCE HARRIS,  
12 WHO IS THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE OFFICE OF  
13 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, IN PROCLAIMING APRIL 2006 AS EARTHQUAKE  
14 PREPAREDNESS MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. IN 1989, WE ADOPTED  
15 AND IMPLEMENTED THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM, WHICH WAS AN  
16 INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EASY-TO-FOLLOW METHOD FOR  
17 INDIVIDUALS, NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS TO PREPARE  
18 THEMSELVES FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE INJURIES, LOSS OF  
19 LIFE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE DURING AN EARTHQUAKE OR OTHER TYPE OF  
20 HAZARD. OUR STATE HAS EXPERIENCED NUMEROUS EARTHQUAKES, AS HAS  
21 OUR COUNTY, INCLUDING THE MAGNITUDE 6.7 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE  
22 ON JANUARY 17TH, 1994, WHICH RESULTED IN LOSS OF LIFE AND  
23 PROPERTY. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, MAJOR EARTHQUAKES THROUGHOUT  
24 OUR STATE HAVE COMBINED TO CAUSE 120 DEATHS AND AN ESTIMATED  
25 \$50 BILLION REPORTED DAMAGES AND LOSSES. OUR COUNTY'S



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1 EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE  
2 PUBLIC AWARENESS REGARDING PROPER PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW BEFORE,  
3 DURING AND AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE. SO ALL RESIDENTS ARE  
4 ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM  
5 BY VISITING WWW.ESPFOCUS.ORG. THE WEBSITE IS FULL OF OTHER  
6 VITAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
7 PRECAUTIONS TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES BECOME  
8 SELF-RELIANT, SELF-SUFFICIENT IN THE EVENT OF A CATASTROPHIC  
9 DISASTER. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, LET US GIVE YOU THIS  
10 PROCLAMATION. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **MICHAEL BROOKS:** GOOD MORNING. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK  
13 AND COMMEND THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR  
14 CONTINUED SPORT, YOUR DEDICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND I JUST  
15 WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVEN'T DONE  
16 SO ALREADY, TO PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILIES FOR  
17 DISASTER, AND YOU CAN DO THAT BY EDUCATING YOURSELF AND  
18 PREPARING A DISASTER KIT. IF YOU'D LIKE STEPS ON HOW TO DO  
19 THAT, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE. I'LL SAY IT AGAIN,  
20 IT'S WWW.ESPFOCUS.ORG OR BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
21 MANAGEMENT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW, ONCE AGAIN, IT'S APRIL IS A BUSY  
24 MONTH BECAUSE WE'RE ALSO DECLARING APRIL 2006 AS CHILD ABUSE  
25 PREVENTION MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. JOINING ME WITH THIS





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1 PRESENTATION IS DEANNE TILTON, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
2 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE  
3 AND NEGLECT, I-CAN, DR. DAVID SANDERS, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND I-CAN  
5 POLICY MEMBER. WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE DR. SANDERS FOR HIS  
6 GREAT LEADERSHIP IN GETTING THE TITLE 4(E) WAIVER FOR THE  
7 DEPARTMENT AND PUBLICLY THANK ALSO CONGRESSMAN DAVID DRIER AND  
8 BUCK MCKEON FOR MAKING THOSE VITAL PHONE CALLS ON BEHALF TO  
9 EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WAIVER TO THE OFFICE OF  
10 MANAGEMENT BUDGET AND THE DEPARTMENT OF H.H.S. AS WE ALWAYS  
11 LIKE TO SAY, A CHILD IS A GIFT OF GOD BUT ASSEMBLY IS REQUIRED  
12 AND DR. SANDERS HAS PROVIDED THE LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT WE  
13 HAVE PROPER ASSEMBLY TAKING PLACE FOR THESE CHILDREN. ALSO,  
14 BEVERLY KURTZ FROM THE I-CAN ASSOCIATES AND MARGIE GIN, WHO IS  
15 THE CHILD ABUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COORDINATOR. CHILD ABUSE  
16 AND NEGLECT IMPACT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM ALL CULTURAL,  
17 ETHNIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS, LEAVING LASTING SCARS ON  
18 VICTIMS AND COMMUNITIES. MORE THAN 150,000 CASES OF CHILD  
19 ABUSE AND NEGLECT WERE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
20 AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE YEAR 2005 AND COUNTLESS CHILDREN  
21 ARE SUFFERING PERMANENT MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AS A  
22 RESULT OF SUCH ABUSE. BRINGING PUBLIC FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE  
23 CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE, TO PROTECT  
24 CHILDREN AND TO HELP PARENTS. AS PART OF FULFILLING THIS  
25 PUBLIC AWARENESS GOAL, I-CAN'S POSTER ART CONTEST WAS STARTED



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1 21 YEARS AGO. RESPONSES FROM THE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED WAS  
2 HEARTWARMING. THEY WANTED TO PAINT, COLOR OR DRAW THEIR  
3 CONCERNS ABOUT THE ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN. SOME OF  
4 THESE CHILDREN DEMONSTRATED A VIVID RECOGNITION OF THE  
5 TRAGEDY, SAD TESTIMONY TO THE REALITY OF THE ABUSE THAT OFTEN  
6 STRIKES CLOSE TO HOME. OVER THE YEARS, NEARLY 15,000 CHILDREN  
7 IN OUR COUNTY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROJECT. THIS YEAR,  
8 THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH GRADERS FROM 47 DIFFERENT  
9 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATION, PARTICIPATED IN A  
10 CONTEST ENTITLED, "LET'S TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN." 890  
11 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED AND THERE WERE 50 FINALISTS FROM 22  
12 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTY. THEIR ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED IN  
13 THE STATE CAPITOL, THE RONALD REAGAN CENTER IN WASHINGTON,  
14 D.C., THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN'S COURT, THE OFFICE OF  
15 EDUCATION AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TO NAME JUST A  
16 FEW. EACH YEAR, HOWIE'S MARKETS IN PASADENA HOSTS A SPECIAL  
17 RECEPTION FOR THE CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR TEACHERS,  
18 DISPLAYING THE POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY. THE 10  
19 WINNING STUDENTS HAVE BROUGHT THEIR ARTWORK, THEIR TEACHERS  
20 AND THEIR FAMILIES HERE TODAY IN HONOR OF CHILD ABUSE  
21 PREVENTION MONTH. SO, AT THIS TIME, LET ME MAKE SOME  
22 PRESENTATIONS TO DEANNE TILTON ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AS WE  
23 DECLARE THIS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

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1   **DEANNE TILTON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I ACCEPT  
2   THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY, THE  
3   160,000 REPORTED FOR ABUSE, THE 20,000 IN FOSTER CARE AND ON  
4   BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN WHO ARE HERE TODAY WHO FEEL THE IMPACT  
5   OF CHILD ABUSE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN THEIR SCHOOLS, ON  
6   THEIR PLAYGROUNDS AND, IF YOU LOOK AT THEIR ARTWORK, YOU CAN  
7   SEE THAT THIS IS NOT A SECRET, IT IS DEFINITELY NOT SOMETHING  
8   THAT CHILDREN WHO ARE WELL CARED FOR AREN'T CONCERNED ABOUT. I  
9   WANT TO THANK BEVERLY KURTZ IN PARTICULAR FOR ALL OF HER YEARS  
10  DEDICATED TO ORGANIZING THIS CONTEST. THERE HAVE BEEN 15,000  
11  CHILDREN PARTICIPATING AND 14,000 OF THEM HAVE BEEN MANAGED  
12  AND ORGANIZED AND JUDGED WITH THE HELP OF BEVERLY KURTZ. I  
13  WANT TO THANK THE JUDGES, INCLUDING MAYOR ANTONOVICH THIS  
14  YEAR, AND, IN PAST YEARS, SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR  
15  MOST ACTIVE JUDGES AND SO HAVE THE OTHERS AND I WANT TO THANK  
16  THOSE SITTING UP HERE FOR THEIR ONGOING HELP IN PARTICULAR  
17  WITH ESTABLISHING I-CAN ASSOCIATES, WITH BEING CONCERNED ABOUT  
18  CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE, WITH BEING CONCERNED ABOUT NEWBORNS AND  
19  THEIR SAFETY AND SAVING THE LIVES OF 40 NEWBORNS JUST IN THE  
20  LAST FEW YEARS, TRYING TO ESTABLISH MENTORS FOR FOSTER  
21  CHILDREN AND FOR ASSURING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN BY  
22  SUPPORTING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO PROTECT THEM. THOSE  
23  ARE ALL ISSUES THAT ARE DECIDED UPON HERE AND THE REASON FOR  
24  THEM IS STANDING-- ARE STANDING BEHIND ME. SO IF YOU WANT TO



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1 SHOUT OUT YOUR NAMES REAL LOUD, ONE AT A TIME, WE'LL KNOW WHO  
2 YOU ARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DR. DAVID SANDERS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, BEFORE DAVID SAYS ANYTHING, DEANNE,  
7 DEANNE, I JUST WANTED TO, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
8 EFFORTS ON THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM BUT I JUST GOT WORD THAT  
9 WE HAD NUMBER 41. WE JUST HAD A BABY SAFELY SURRENDERED AT  
10 DOWNEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL THIS MORNING.

11

12 **DEANNE TILTON:** 41 LIVES SAVED.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** 41 LIVES SAVED.

15

16 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** WE WANT TO THANK DEANNE TILTON FOR THE  
17 TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP SHE'S PROVIDED IN I-CAN AND FOCUSING ON  
18 PREVENTION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, WHICH IS CLEARLY THE MOST  
19 IMPORTANT THING THAT WE CAN DO. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MAYOR  
20 ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR RECOGNITION  
21 OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND THEIR  
22 SUPPORT OF I-CAN AND THEN CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE KIDS  
23 UP HERE WHOSE ARTWORK, SOME OF WHICH I HAVE IN MY OWN OFFICE  
24 AND I THINK THEY REALLY DO A GREAT JOB OF DISPLAYING SOME OF



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1 THE ISSUES THAT MANY, MANY CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE  
2 FACED, SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **CHILDREN:** HEATHER, MELISSA, EDWARD, MATTHEW, LISA, ELSIE,  
5 MARK.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU HAD...

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS TO JAY SUNG LEE,  
10 AN 11-YEAR-OLD FIFTH GRADER AT HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
11 HE'S ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FIFTH GRADE TEACHER, MAX SATO. [  
12 APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS.

15

16 **JAY SUNG LEE:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS. FIRST OF ALL,  
21 SELENA FLORES. SELENA IS FROM BROCKTON AVENUE ELEMENTARY  
22 SCHOOL. SHE'S A GRAND PRIZE WINNER AND DO YOU THINK WE CAN SEE  
23 THAT ON THE CAMERA? I HOPE. AND WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH  
24 THIS PROCLAMATION. CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT IS MATTHEW ROTH FROM  
25 CASTLE BAY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. MATTHEW? LISA KIM, ALSO



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1 FROM CASTLE BAY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IS IT HEATHER WAUGH--  
2 WELWICK. OKAY. TALK TO THE CALLIGRAPHER ABOUT THIS. ALSO FROM  
3 CASTLE BAY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS. AND LAST  
4 BUT NOT-- OH, NO. WE HAVE TWO MORE. EDWARD KIM FROM CASTLE BAY  
5 LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS. AND ALSO FROM CASTLE  
6 BAY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MELISSA GOLDMAN. MELISSA. THAT'S  
7 IT FOR OUR THIRD DISTRICT WINNERS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. REPRESENTING THE ERNIE POWELL  
12 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER, WE HAVE ELSIE  
13 CASSERERAS AND HER TEACHER, MRS. TIA TOFFNER. ELSIE IS IN THE  
14 SIXTH GRADE. CONGRATULATIONS. ALL RIGHT. FROM WHITMAN  
15 ELEMENTARY IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS, MY HOMETOWN, WE HAVE MARK  
16 RUIZ AND HIS MOM. MARK IS IN THE FOURTH GRADE AT WHITMAN  
17 ELEMENTARY. MIKE?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S THANK THEM ONCE AGAIN FOR SOME  
20 BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK AND CREATIVE ARTWORK. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **ALL CHILDREN:** APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. THANK YOU  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I-CAN FOR PROTECTING KIDS. [ APPLAUSE  
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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME SEVERAL  
2    GUESTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS, EQUESTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN LOS  
3    ANGELES COUNTY TO COMMEMORATE APRIL 2006 AS THE THIRD ANNUAL  
4    EQUESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. WITH US IS  
5    JERRY ENGLAND, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF ECHO, CHARLOTTE BRODIE,  
6    WHO IS THE TRAIL COORDINATOR, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS INCORPORATED,  
7    E.T. CORRAL 54, THE CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EQUESTRIAN  
8    COMMITTEE, WHICH IS ALSO A PARTNER IN THIS ENDEAVOR. AS  
9    CHATSWORTH IS HORSE COUNTRY, THE PURPOSE OF EQUESTRIAN SAFETY  
10    MONTH IS TO BETTER EDUCATE DRIVERS IN THE CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY  
11    TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS WHERE HORSES AND AUTOMOBILES CO-EXIST.  
12    BECAUSE MOST CITIZENS IN OUR STATES ARE THREE GENERATIONS  
13    REMOVED FROM AN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, DRIVERS MUST BE EDUCATED  
14    ON THE NATURE AND BEHAVIOR OF HORSES. HORSES ARE FRIGHT  
15    ANIMALS WHOSE FIRST RESPONSE TO DANGER, REAL OR PERCEIVED, IS  
16    TO FLEE, SO DRIVERS MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO STEER TOO CLOSE TO  
17    THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS. THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE STATES  
18    THAT HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES AND RIDERS OF HORSES OR OTHER  
19    ANIMALS ARE ENTITLED TO SHARE THE ROAD WITH MOVING VEHICLES.  
20    IT IS A TRAFFIC OFFENSE TO SCARE HORSES OR STAMPEDE LIVESTOCK.  
21    A DRIVER MUST ALSO SLOW DOWN OR STOP, IF REQUESTED TO DO SO,  
22    BY THE RIDER OR THE HERDER OF LIVESTOCK. SO NOW THE BOARD IS  
23    PLEASED TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2006 AS THIRD ANNUAL EQUESTRIAN  
24    SAFETY MONTH TO ENCOURAGE SAFETY AND TO EDUCATE MOTORISTS AND  
25    EQUESTRIANS ABOUT THE RULES OF THE ROAD AND ALSO IN JUNE WILL



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1 BE MY BIANNUAL EQUESTRIAN RIDE. YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO RIDE  
2 WITH US. WE HAVE ABOUT A HUNDRED TO 200 EQUESTRIANS WHO RIDE  
3 TWICE A YEAR AND THE NEXT TIME, AS I SAID, WILL BE IN JUNE, SO  
4 CONTACT MY OFFICE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. AND  
5 LET ME NOW PRESENT THESE PROCLAMATIONS, FIRST TO JERRY  
6 ENGLAND. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CHARLOTTE BRODIE, WHO RIDES MANY TIMES  
9 WITH ME. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **CHARLOTTE BRODIE:** ACCOMPANYING ME DOWN HERE ARE OTHER MEMBERS  
12 OF THE CORRAL: MARILYN RESISKA, WENDY SOLTES AND CINDY STRAUSS  
13 AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNCILMEN AND  
14 THE BOARD FOR THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, JERRY?  
17 OKAY. HAPPY TRAILS. SEE YOU IN JUNE. I THINK IT'S THE SECOND  
18 OR THIRD WEEK IN JUNE.

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20 **CHARLOTTE BRODIE:** BUT WHERE?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I DON'T KNOW.

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24 **CHARLOTTE BRODIE:** OKAY.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THEN WE'RE WRAPPING UP WITH  
2    LITTLE TINA, WHO IS A DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR. SHE'S SEVEN WEEKS  
3    OLD AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN CALL AREA CODE (562)  
4    728-4644. [ MEOWING ]

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SAY HELLO. [ MEOWING CONTINUES ]

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8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE LIKES HORSES. SO THIS IS LITTLE  
9    TINA, WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. [ MEOWING CONTINUES ] [  
10    LAUGHTER ]

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12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. [ MEOWING CONTINUES ]

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14    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE'S SAYING A LITTLE PRAYER TO GET  
15    ADOPTED. [ MEOWING CONTINUES ]

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17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AWWW, AWWW. [ MEOWING CONTINUES ]

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19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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21    **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL RUSS GUINEY FORWARD. [ MEOWING  
22    CONTINUES ]

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24    **SUP. BURKE:** THE ISSUE OF CHILDHOOD AND ADULT OBESITY IS  
25    REACHING EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. THE



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1 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION HAS RESPONDED BY ESTABLISHING  
2 THE HEALTHY PARKS PROGRAM TO EDUCATE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ON  
3 HOW OBESITY CAN LEAD TO HEART DISEASE, DIABETES, CANCER AND  
4 OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES. THIS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM HAS BEEN  
5 EXPANDED TO ALL COUNTY PARKS AND INCLUDES COMPONENTS OF HEALTH  
6 AND WELLNESS, NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL FITNESS EDUCATION. THE  
7 HEALTHY PARKS PROGRAM IS CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO  
8 FURTHERING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN. STUDIES SHOW THIS LEADS TO  
9 BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, IMPROVED BEHAVIOR AND A LOWER  
10 INCIDENT OF ILLNESS. IT ALSO INCREASES ATTENTION SPAN FOR  
11 CHILDREN WHO ARE IN SCHOOL AND LEADS TO MORE CREATIVITY AND  
12 HIGHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. SO THE PARK FACILITIES THROUGHOUT  
13 LOS ANGELES ARE PROVIDING A VARIETY OF EXCELLENT PROGRAMS THAT  
14 FURTHER PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
15 PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMS AND ALSO THESE PROGRAMS ARE A LOT OF  
16 FUN. I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO OBSERVE SOME OF THEM AND I KNOW HOW  
17 MUCH THE CHILDREN ENJOY THEM, AND ALSO SOME OF THE ADULTS AS  
18 WELL AS SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS, I PROCLAIM APRIL 2006 AS HEALTH PARKS MONTH IN  
20 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO TAKE  
21 ADVANTAGE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND NOT ONLY  
22 DURING THIS WEEK BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SO, RUSS,  
23 CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS AND THOSE ARE EXCELLENT  
24 PROGRAMS AND I SEE EVERYONE COMING IN TOGETHER. AND THEN WE'LL  
25 TAKE A JOINT PICTURE WITH EVERYONE.



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2 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AS YOU  
3 MENTIONED, CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA.  
4 14% OF OUR CHILDREN ARE OVERWEIGHT AND OVERWEIGHTNESS AND  
5 OBESITY LEADS TO OTHER ILLNESSES AND PROBLEMS. 80% OF TYPE II  
6 DIABETES CAN BE TRACED TO PROBLEMS WITH WEIGHT AND OVERWEIGHT.  
7 SO GETTING OUR CHILDREN ACTIVE, GETTING PROGRAMS IN OUR PARKS  
8 TO GET THEM OUT THERE ACTIVE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND THAT'S  
9 WHAT HEALTHY PARKS MONTH IS ABOUT, CREATING HEALTHY PARKS AND  
10 HEALTHY LIFESTYLES TO GET PEOPLE HEALTHY. EACH YEAR, WE HAVE A  
11 PARK SUMMIT WHERE WE INVITE ALL THE 88 CITIES OF LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY TO COME TOGETHER WITH OTHER HEALTH AND PARK PROVIDERS  
13 AND WE PICK A THEME FOR THE YEAR AND AGAIN THIS YEAR, HEALTHY  
14 PARKS WAS CHOSEN AS OUR EVENT. ALL OF THE 88 CITIES THIS MONTH  
15 ARE DOING EVENTS TO FOCUS ON HEALTHY PARKS. WE HAVE A  
16 REPRESENTATIVE HERE FROM THE CITY OF LA MIRADA, TOM ROBINSON,  
17 THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE CITY AND ROBERTA  
18 GONZALEZ, THE COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE HAD  
19 SEVERAL OTHER CITY REPRESENTATIVES; UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAD TO  
20 LEAVE. AND THEN WE HAVE THE STAFF OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT THAT  
21 ARE OUT THERE LEADING THE WAY IN ALL OF OUR REGIONS AND OUR  
22 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS WHO ARE HELPING TO GET THE MESSAGE  
23 OUT THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE PARKS THAT ARE SAFE AND  
24 HEALTHY. AND WHERE WE PROVIDE FACILITIES, IT'S BEEN SHOWN THAT  
25 WE CAN GET UP TO 25% OF THE COMMUNITY MORE ACTIVE IN



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1 EXERCISING AND STAYING HEALTHY, AND THAT'S WHAT HEALTHY PARKS  
2 MONTH IS ALL ABOUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND OUR TENNIS PROGRAM IS CERTAINLY HELPING. THANK  
5 YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL UP THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN,  
6 MARGARET TODD. HERE SHE IS. LIBRARIES ARE REPOSITORIES OF THE  
7 AMERICAN DREAM, PLACES WHERE ONE MAY ENLARGE OPPORTUNITIES BY  
8 SELF-EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING. OUR NATIONAL LIBRARIES  
9 HELP PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT THEIR WORLD AND WHAT CHANGES ARE  
10 HAPPENING AND MAY BE NEEDED. LIBRARY BRING CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
11 A WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE THROUGH BOOKS AND CYBERSPACE BUT NOT ONLY  
12 ARE THESE RESOURCES AVAILABLE, PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
13 SKILLED LIBRARY STAFF IS ON HAND TO SHOW AND TO GUIDE. OUR  
14 LIBRARIES ARE COMMUNITY TREASURES AND, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
15 OF SUPERVISORS, I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE COUNTY LIBRARIES  
16 BY PROCLAIMING APRIL 2ND THROUGH 8TH, 2006, AS NATIONAL  
17 LIBRARY WEEK AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
18 THEIR LIBRARY AND ALL OF THE PROGRAMS THERE, ALL OF THE  
19 TUTORING AND ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON. WE WANT TO  
20 THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, TOO.

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22 **MARGARET TODD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I FIRST WANT TO THANK  
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF THE  
24 PUBLIC LIBRARIES. COUNTY LIBRARIES WOULD NOT BE DOING ALL THE  
25 WONDERFUL THINGS THEY DO WITHOUT THE BOARD'S SUPPORT AND I DO





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1 SUGGEST THAT EVERYONE GO VISIT THEIR COUNTY LIBRARY THIS WEEK.  
2 THERE'S LOTS GOING ON AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT ALL THE  
3 CHILDREN AND ADULTS THAT ARE USING OUR LIBRARIES. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY THANKS FOR HELPING US AND  
6 FOR A WONDERFUL "LIVING LEGENDS" THIS YEAR. HAD A TREMENDOUS  
7 TURNOUT AT OUR A. C. BILBERRY LIBRARY. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
8 PRESENTATIONS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. MAYOR, I HAVE A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS.  
13 FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MR. PAUL WILMS,  
14 A DEPUTY SHERIFF AT THE INDUSTRY STATION, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
15 THE AGE OF 38 AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING. DEPUTY  
16 WILMS WAS BORN IN TUCSON AND GRADUATED FROM BIRCH HIGH SCHOOL  
17 IN FONTANA. HE GRADUATED FROM SHERIFF'S ACADEMY IN 1989 AND  
18 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE UNTIL 1995. FOR THE  
19 PAST 11 YEARS, DEPUTY WILMS WORKED AT THE INDUSTRY STATION AS  
20 A PATROL DEPUTY, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND A FIELD  
21 TRAINING OFFICER.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YES, ALL MEMBERS. HE WORKED IN THE STATION'S  
2   PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK YOUTH, WHICH A LOT OF US CAME IN CONTACT  
3   WITH HIM AND THE YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
4   WIFE, REGINA, DAUGHTER, JASMINE, SON, KYLE, SISTER, TRACY, AND  
5   HIS FATHER, PHILIP. HE'LL BE MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE  
6   ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANN OKUNO, BELOVED AUNT OF SACHI HAMAI  
7   AND RESIDENT OF COLORADO WHO PASSED AWAY VERY RECENTLY AFTER A  
8   LONG ILLNESS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER NIECE, SACHI, FAMILY AND  
9   FRIENDS. SHE'LL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE WHO KNEW HER.  
10  ALL MEMBERS ON THAT AS WELL.

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12  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND.

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14  **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOMA BRENTS,  
15  MOTHER OF D.P.S.S. DIVISION CHIEF, MARGARET QUINN. SHE PASSED  
16  AWAY ON MARCH 27TH, SHORTLY AFTER CELEBRATING HER 95TH  
17  BIRTHDAY AND 71ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
18  LOVING HUSBAND, WOODROW, DAUGHTERS, SUE AND MARGARET,  
19  GRANDCHILDREN, RICK AND SHERRY, GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN, ERICA,  
20  COREY, KILEY AND ZACH. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEAN  
21  MATUSINKA, A TORRANCE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, A FORMER  
22  PROSECUTOR, PRESIDED OVER CIVIL CASES, PASSED AWAY ON MARCH  
23  30TH AT THE AGE OF 67. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN NEW YORK,  
24  GRADUATED FROM BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL. FOUR YEARS LATER, SHE  
25  JOINED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,



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1 WHERE SHE SPECIALIZED IN PROSECUTING CHILD ABUSE, DOMESTIC  
2 VIOLENCE AND SEX CRIME CASES. HER WORK IN THOSE AREAS TOOK HER  
3 AWAY FROM THE COURTROOM SETTING AND SHE WORKED AS U.S. SURGEON  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ADVISORY. SHE WAS ALSO INVOLVED ON THE  
5 L.A. COUNTY INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.  
6 SHE STARTED TAKING CLASSES IN CIVIL PROCEDURE AND SHE STARTED  
7 WORKING IN THE TORRANCE COURTHOUSE. SHE AND HER HUSBAND OF 31  
8 YEARS, DAVE, ENJOYED AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF TRAVEL TOGETHER.  
9 SHE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND IS  
10 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DAVE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
11 OF MAX POINDEXTER, JR., WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. A  
12 LONG-TIME, ALMOST 70-YEAR RESIDENT OF WILMINGTON AND HE SERVED  
13 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER,  
14 JANE, AND SON, ROY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHELE  
15 FISHBACK, WHAT PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 9TH AFTER HER BODY  
16 REJECTED A HEART TRANSPLANT. SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S  
17 MINISTRY AT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN SEAL BEACH. SHE WAS A  
18 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF P.T.A. AT  
19 WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY IN LAKEWOOD AND LATER MICHELLE AND HER  
20 HUSBAND, JERRY, BEGAN SERVING AS YOUTH GROUP LEADERS AT  
21 BELLFLOWER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE WAS A LAKEWOOD RESIDENT  
22 FOR 23 YEARS AND A RESIDENT OF NORWALK SEVEN YEARS BEFORE  
23 THAT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JERRY, SON, ANDY;  
24 DAUGHTER, AUBREY; PARENTS, JOAN AND DWIGHT AND SISTERS AND  
25 BROTHERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDDIE PINO, WHO



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1 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 5TH AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 38, A LIFETIME  
2 RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD AND A GRADUATE OF ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL. HE  
3 WAS AN AVID BOXING FAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SYLVIA,  
4 DAUGHTERS, BIANCA, PARENTS, PETE AND SUSIE, SISTER, KELLY AND  
5 A MULTITUDE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
6 MEMORY OF JACK GREITL, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD,  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 70 YEARS, MARY, SIX CHILDREN, CAROL,  
8 MARY, DEE, JOANNE, MICHAEL, THREE SISTERS AND 26-- 20  
9 GRANDCHILDREN AND 26 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY, THAT WE  
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD JOSEPH SIENK, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
11 MARCH 23RD. HE WORKED FOR 30 YEARS AT THE LONG BEACH NAVAL  
12 SHIPYARD AND DEVOTED A NUMBER OF YEARS, ALMOST 20 YEARS, TO  
13 THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 50  
14 YEARS, YOLANDA, SON, DANIEL, AND DAUGHTER, DONELLE. THOSE ARE  
15 MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
18 ORDERED. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
19 AUDREY GOLDBERG. SHE WAS A TRUE WOMAN OF VALOR AND A NOBLE  
20 SPIRIT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 30TH. AUDREY IS A PERSONAL  
21 FRIEND, A FAMILY FRIEND, A LONG-TIME LEADER IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
22 SHE WAS A REALTOR, AN ACCOMPLISHED REALTOR, ARTIST, DANCER AND  
23 A SAGE. HER GRANDPARENTS FOUNDED THE INTERNATIONAL GARMENT  
24 WORKERS UNION AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND AUDREY AND HER  
25 HUSBAND, TED, WERE ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY JEWISH



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1 COALITION ORGANIZATION, AMONG OTHER GROUPS, AND ACTIVE IN  
2 THEIR TEMPLE, MOUNT SINAI. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,  
3 TED, AND HER CHILDREN, MICHAEL AND TERRY, AND SON-IN-LAW AND  
4 THEIR FOSTER DAUGHTER, AMBER AND HER SISTER, MONA LIEBERMAN  
5 AND HER BROTHER, MARTIN SAGE AND COUSINS, MITCHELL AND NORA  
6 EGGERS. JUDGE JEAN MATUSINKA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 22ND AT  
7 TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. JEAN WAS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH BY  
8 GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN. I WAS PROUD TO RECOMMEND HER FOR  
9 THAT POSITION. SHE, AS A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HELPED ME WHEN I  
10 WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE CRAFT THE CHILD ABUSE LAWS THAT I  
11 WAS INVOLVED WITH AND, AS SUPERVISOR, HELPED IN THAT EFFORT  
12 DEALING WITH CHILD ABUSE AND WAS A REAL COMMUNITY LEADER. SHE  
13 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DAVID, WHO IS A RETIRED LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER AND SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE  
15 AGE OF 66. ONE OF THE GREAT GIANTS OF OUR COUNTY PASSED AWAY  
16 WAS ALBERT C. MARTIN, JR., A NOTED ARCHITECTURAL...

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS YEAR MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
21 OF WHAT IS NOW CALLED THE A.C. MARTIN PARTNERS, INCORPORATED.  
22 SOME OF THEIR LANDMARK BUILDINGS THAT AL, JR. WAS INVOLVED  
23 WITH, AL, SR. WAS INVOLVED WITH BUILDING THE LOS ANGELES CITY  
24 HALL BACK IN THE 1930S. AL, JR. BUILT THE ARCO TOWERS, THE  
25 INCREDIBLE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER BUILDING, THE TRW



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1 UNION BANK SQUARE, THE SECURITY PACIFIC PLAZA SQUARE AND SAINT  
2 BASIL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. TOO BAD CARDINAL MAHONEY DIDN'T  
3 HAVE ALBERT C. MARTIN DESIGN THEIR CHURCH ACROSS THE STREET.  
4 WHAT WAS INTERESTING, THE NOTED ARCHITECTURAL CRITIC, RAINER  
5 VAN HAM, CALLED THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
6 "THE ONLY PUBLIC BUILDING IN THE WHOLE CITY THAT GENUINELY  
7 GRACES THE SCENE, LIFTS THE SPIRIT AND SITS IN FIRM CONTROL OF  
8 THE WHOLE BASIS OF HUMAN EXISTENCE IN LOS ANGELES." AL WAS  
9 QUITE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY, IN HIS CHURCH. HE LEAVES FOUR  
10 CHILDREN, DAVID, CHARLES, MARY AND CLAIRE AND HIS WIFE,  
11 DOROTHY, AND HIS NEPHEW, CHRIS, ALONG WITH HIS SON, DAVID, NOW  
12 OPERATE THE ALBERT C. MARTIN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM. ALL MEMBERS.  
13 LEONARD JOSEPH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. AFTER SERVING  
14 FOUR YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II, HE  
15 RETURNED HOME AND HE FOUNDED THE DISTRICT'S 16 GLENDALE LITTLE  
16 LEAGUE IN 1951. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS,  
17 INA AND HIS SON, MICHAEL. LORNE PERSON OF GLENDALE, OWNER AND  
18 FOUNDER OF PERSON-COVEY PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY.  
19 HE WAS VOTED AS THE OUTSTANDING INDUSTRIALIST OF THE YEAR IN  
20 1987, ALSO AFFILIATED WITH MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS, INCLUDING  
21 THE GLENDALE'S KIWANIS CLUB, VERDUGO CLUB, OAKMONT. QUITE  
22 ACTIVE AT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. DEPUTY OFFICER MARIA  
23 CECILIA ROSA, WHO PASSED AWAY, WHO WAS SHOT. OUR SHERIFF'S  
24 DEPUTY AND WE HONORED HER COMMITMENT TO HER SERVICE TODAY BY  
25 ATTENDING HER SERVICE AND WE DEDICATE TODAY'S MEETING TO HER





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1 MEMORY. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. DR. BERNARD SIEGAN, WHO WAS A  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO  
3 LAW SCHOOL AND WAS ONE OF THE KEY LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL  
4 THINKERS IN THE MOVEMENT OF IDEAS THAT BECAME THE FOUNDATION  
5 OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, ACCORDING TO DR. SCHWARZSCHILD.  
6 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SHELLY, AND STEPSON, JOHN. STELLA  
7 TRINAST FROM LA CANADA, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE CROATIAN  
8 COMMUNITY, PASSED AWAY AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER,  
9 BETH. FREDERICK "RICK" VOORHIS, WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
10 VAN NUYS FLIGHT CENTER AND PACIFIC AIRCRAFT SALES. HE WAS ALSO  
11 INVOLVED WITH THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION AND  
12 THE NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION. AND EDWIN  
13 HANDLER, WORLD WAR II VETERAN, UNITED STATES NAVY AND LATER  
14 RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN FAMILY COUNSELING AND SERVED  
15 ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA FAMILIES STUDIES  
16 CENTER. SO SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE, ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
20 THE MEMORY OF CORY D. WATSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 23RD,  
21 2006, AT THE AGE OF 31 AFTER SUFFERING A SEIZURE. HE WAS A  
22 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND ATTENDED CAL STATE  
23 UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI  
24 FRATERNITY. HE GRADUATED WITH AN ENGINEERING DEGREE CONTINUED  
25 HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS A PROJECT MANAGER WITH DEL TERRA



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1 CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
2 HIS MOTHER AND FATHER, BETTY JOYCE AND ABRAHAM WATSON, HIS  
3 STEPSISTER, LISA WATSON AND NIECES, KYA, MICHEL, AND JOCELYN  
4 WATSON. HE IS RON FISHER'S FRIEND. AND FUMIE TADAKUMA, A LONG-  
5 TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH  
6 25TH. SHE RECEIVED HER LONG-AWAITED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM  
7 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AT AGE 79, WHERE HER EDUCATION WAS  
8 INTERRUPTED BY OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II AND INCARCERATION OF  
9 JAPANESE-AMERICANS IN RELOCATION CAMPS. SHE WAS A PROUD,  
10 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND A GREAT  
11 FAN OF L.A. DODGERS AND LAKERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND  
12 OF 59 YEARS, YUROSHI, THREE DAUGHTERS, JOANN, JANE, AND PEGGY  
13 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. HUGO  
14 MORRIS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 10TH, 2006, AT THE AGE OF 81.  
15 HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ENCINO IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
16 A LABOR LEADER AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST. HUH? YEAH. HE BEGAN A  
17 20-YEAR PLUS STINT WITH LOS ANGELES RETAIL CLERKS  
18 INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 77, NOW-- LOCAL 770, NOW UNITED FOOD  
19 AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 770. HE SERVED THE RETAIL FOOD  
20 INDUSTRY AS A STATISTICIAN AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATOR WHILE HE  
21 WORKED UNDER THE LEGENDARY LABOR LEADERSHIP OF JOSEPH SILVA,  
22 WHO PIONEERED COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYER PAID HEALTH INSURANCE  
23 COVERAGE THAT BECAME A MODEL NATIONWIDE. IN MID 1975, HE WAS  
24 HIRED BY THE TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 42 AS ASSISTANT  
25 STATISTICAL DIRECTOR. MORRIS WAS KNOWN FOR LONG DAYS AND HOURS



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1 AT THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATING TABLE, CALMLY PURSUING EVERY  
2 INTRICATE DETAIL WITH EMPLOYERS, ULTIMATELY HAMMERING HOME  
3 WHAT WAS NEEDED. IN 1978, HE WAS APPOINTED POLITICAL DIRECTOR  
4 OF JOINT COUNCIL 42, BEGAN A 23-YEAR ODYSSEY THAT RESHAPED  
5 LABOR UNION POLITICAL ACTIVISM IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES  
6 AREA. DURING HIS TENURE, HE ALSO FOSTERED AN INNOVATIVE  
7 PROGRAM TO TEACH LABOR HISTORY IN LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS AND  
8 SECURE NEEDED FUNDING. HE SAT AND SERVED ON A WIDE VARIETY OF  
9 LOS ANGELES CITY, COUNTY AND STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. HE  
10 WAS KNOWN FOR NEVER MISSING A MEETING. HE WAS PRECEDED IN  
11 DEATH BY HIS WIFE, MARGERY, AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN,  
12 VAUGHN MORRIS, CLIFFORD MORRIS AND PAUL MORRIS. AND CARL E.  
13 JONES, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 20TH, 2006, OF A HEART ATTACK AT  
14 AGE 68. A HIGHLY REGARDED L.A. CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY WHO  
15 WON A NUMBER OF HIGH PROFILE CASES, PARTICULARLY SOME MURDER  
16 ACQUITTALS THAT HE BECAME KNOWN FOR. IN 1944, HIS FAMILY MOVED  
17 TO WATTS AND THEN COMPTON, WHERE HE GRADUATED FROM CENTENNIAL  
18 HIGH SCHOOL IN 1955. HE SERVED BRIEFLY IN THE NAVY, GRADUATING  
19 FROM COMPTON COLLEGE IN 1960 AND, SIX YEARS LATER, HE  
20 GRADUATED FROM SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AND  
21 PASSED THE BAR. IN THE 1970S, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF LANGSTON LAW  
22 CLUB, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL SOCIETY. AND, IN 1983, HE LEFT  
23 HIS SUCCESSFUL 16-YEAR CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE TO HEAD THE  
24 ALTERNATIVE DEFENSE COUNCIL. IN 1993, HE WON THE LOS ANGELES  
25 CRIMINAL COURTS BAR ASSOCIATION JOSEPH ROSEN JUSTICE AWARD FOR



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1 HIS CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY NINE CHILDREN:  
2 KARL, JR., KARLIN, JEFFREY, KENNY, LARRY, WILLIAM, SHELBY,  
3 TERRY, WILLIAMS, JARED AND CARLA, 23 GRANDCHILDREN, A BROTHER,  
4 JOHNNY, AND A SISTER, JUDY PENNELL. AND HURIS BATISTE, LONG-  
5 TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH  
6 22ND AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. MR. BATISTE GAVE NUMEROUS HOURS OF  
7 VOLUNTEER TIME TO THE SECOND DISTRICT, INCLUDING WORKING WITH  
8 FOSTER CHILDREN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 52 YEARS,  
9 LAUREN BATISTE, AND FIVE CHILDREN, THREE SONS AND TWO  
10 DAUGHTERS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
13 ORDERED. LET ME ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES DAVID BUTTRAM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON HUGO MORRIS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL MEMBERS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WAS PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL TRACT  
20 SOCIETY, MADE 40 MISSION TRIPS TO HAITI AND SEVERAL OTHER  
21 AFRICAN COUNTRIES, BOARD MEMBER OF THE WILLIAM J. MURRAY  
22 FOUNDATION AND WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENCE KIWANIS  
23 CLUB. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE  
24 WERE INFORMED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT OUR PROBATION OFFICER  
25 SUFFERED A SEVERE STROKE OVER THE WEEKEND AND OUR THOUGHTS AND



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1 PRAYERS GO OUT TO PAUL AND HIS FAMILY FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.  
2 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING MANY  
3 ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGES, OF WHICH PAUL HIGA WAS INSTRUMENTAL  
4 IN LEADING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE, AND I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
5 RECOGNIZE ROBERT B. TAYLOR AS THE CHIEF DEPUTY PROBATION  
6 OFFICER WHO SHALL ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD IN HIS ABSENCE.  
7 SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR  
8 YAROSLAVSKY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS JUST ASKING THE C.A.O. WHY WE USED THE  
11 WORD "RECOGNIZE HIM," AND I GUESS HE ALREADY IS BECAUSE...

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** TECHNICALLY HE IS BUT WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
14 THAT THE BOARD RECOGNIZE HIM.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE. I TOTALLY AGREE. I DIDN'T  
17 UNDERSTAND THAT. OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? DO YOU HAVE ANY  
20 ADJOURNING MOTIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
21 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? OKAY. YOU MIGHT READ THEM. OKAY.

22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TINO  
23 AGUIRRE, BELOVED FATHER OF PATSY AGUIRRE RECON AND TO ALSO  
24 ALBERT. C. MARTIN. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
25 ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 44, THERE'S-- SOMEBODY HELD THIS. ITEM



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1 44. THERE'S ONLY TWO ITEMS. OKAY. SANDRA L.L.C. OR SKANDREW--  
2 SANDREW L.L.C., ANDREW JASON AHLERING. IS SANDRA HERE?

3

4 **ANDREW AHLERING:** I AM SCANDREW, L.L.C.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH. YOU HAVE TWO NAMES.

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8 **ANDREW AHLERING:** THERE'S ACTUALLY THREE, MR. MAYOR.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE THREE NAMES.

11

12 **ANDREW AHLERING:** WELL, THERE'S THREE SEPARATE PERSONS. BY THE  
13 DEFINITION OF CALIFORNIA...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE THREE SEPARATE PERSONS NOW?

16

17 **ANDREW AHLERING:** YEAH-- NO, NO, NO. PERSONS IN THE CORPORATE  
18 SENSE, BEING UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, THERE'S A REAL PERSON.  
19 ANDREW AHLERING IS A REAL PERSON. ANDRESEN DOS DOS SEIS IS A  
20 POLITICAL CANDIDATE CONTROL COMMITTEE. THAT, BY CALIFORNIA  
21 LAW, IS ALSO A PERSON. IT'S NOT A REAL PERSON BUT IT IS A  
22 PERSON BY CALIFORNIA LAW. YOU CAN ASK COUNTY COUNSEL IF YOU'RE  
23 NOT SURE. THE THIRD IS SCANDREW LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION,  
24 SCANDREW LLC. THAT IS ALSO A PERSON BUT NOT A REAL PERSON,  
25 UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY,  
3 WE'LL RECOGNIZE THE THREE OF YOU AS ONE AND GIVE YOU THREE  
4 MINUTES.

5

6 **ANDREW AHLERING:** I WILL BE FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE FEDERAL  
7 GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGARDING THIS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S FINE. THANK YOU.

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11 **ANDREW AHLERING:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. (SPEAKING SPANISH)  
12 (SPEAKING SPANISH) (SPEAKING SPANISH CONTINUES THROUGHOUT) THE  
13 CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE. (SPEAKING SPANISH) (SPEAKING  
14 SPANISH CONTINUES THROUGHOUT) WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK THE  
15 LANGUAGE WE WANT. (SPEAKING SPANISH CONTINUES) HAS THE  
16 REQUIREMENT (SPEAKING SPANISH) TO PROVIDE. (SPEAKING SPANISH  
17 CONTINUES) FIRE DON WOLFE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** (SPEAKS SPANISH) GRACIAS.

20

21 **ANDREW AHLERING:** AND I WILL BE COMPLAINING TO THE UNITED  
22 STATES GOVERNMENT FOR VIOLATION OF MY FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS.  
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE,  
2   SECONDED TO APPROVE ITEM 44, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ITEM.  
3   NO OBJECTION...

4

5   **ANDREW AHLERING:** AND BY THE WAY, SIRS, I HELD ALL ITEMS. ALL  
6   ITEMS WERE HELD. NOT ITEM 44. I WILL BE ALSO COMPLAINING TO  
7   THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNSEL TO THE ATTORNEY  
8   GENERAL ABOUT THAT.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY.

11

12   **ANDREW AHLERING:** CONSIDER MY SETTLEMENT DEMAND PRIVILEGED.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NUMBER 17, MR. JANSSEN. HOW DID  
15   THE PLAN TO COME UP WITH ONE STABILIZATION CENTER IN EACH  
16   DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THEIR-- CURRENTLY, I UNDERSTAND  
17   APPROXIMATELY 18 HOMELESS ACCESS CENTERS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY  
18   THAT ARE NOT EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED IN EACH DISTRICT?

19

20   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, COULD I ASK IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE  
21   TO MAKE A PRESENTATION FIRST?

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SURE. OKAY. THAT'S FINE.

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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I KNOW EVERYONE, THE DOCUMENT'S BEEN IN THE  
2   PUBLIC FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. I KNOW ALL OF YOU ARE VERY  
3   FAMILIAR WITH IT. FOR ANYBODY THAT MAY BE WATCHING, I WANT TO  
4   JUST TOUCH ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT IT IS THAT'S BEFORE YOU  
5   AND THEN WE CAN GO INTO QUESTIONS AND HOPEFULLY SOMEBODY WILL  
6   BE WORKING ON AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION BY THE TIME WE GET  
7   THERE. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY, THERE IT GOES. LET ME JUST  
8   BRIEFLY MENTION, AGAIN, EACH OF THESE TOPICS, NOT GO IN GREAT  
9   DETAIL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HOMELESS POPULATION, IT'S A RESULT  
10  OF THE SURVEY THAT WAS DONE IN 2005. 82,300 PEOPLE IDENTIFIED  
11  AS HOMELESS IN THE REGION. 45% OF THOSE PEOPLE LIVE OUTSIDE OF  
12  THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY LIVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS  
13  IS NOT JUST A CITY OF LOS ANGELES ISSUE. THERE ARE HOMELESS  
14  POPULATION IN ALL OF THE SPAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.  
15  CHARACTERISTICS CHRONIC HOMELESS, HOMELESS FAMILIES. IT IS NOT  
16  A HOMOGENOUS POPULATION, SO YOU CAN'T ADOPT A SINGLE STRATEGY  
17  TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGE OF HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS  
18  INTENDED TO REFLECT THAT. AND, AGAIN, YOU CAN SEE IN ALL OF  
19  THE SPAS, THE HOMELESS POPULATION EXISTS, ALTHOUGH IT  
20  CERTAINLY IS CONCENTRATED IN SPA 2, 4 AND 6. YOU HAVE-- AND I  
21  WANT TO POINT OUT, THIS PLAN HAS BEEN A YEAR IN DEVELOPMENT  
22  AND IT IS A RESULT OF MANY ACTIONS, DIRECTIONS BY ALL FIVE  
23  BOARD MEMBERS. THIS WAS NOT THOUGHT UP BY STAFF. IT IS A  
24  RESULT OF DIRECTIONS FROM THE BOARD. THESE ARE SPECIFIC  
25  ACTIONS THAT YOU'VE TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE LAST YEAR, FROM YEAR--



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1 ROUND SHELTER FUNDING, TO ZERO TOLERANCE IN SKID ROW,  
2 DISCHARGE POLICIES, ET CETERA. THERE ARE SEVEN DEPARTMENTS  
3 THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING THE PLAN SPECIFICALLY,  
4 ALONG WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, OTHER PROVIDERS. THE UNIQUE  
5 THING ABOUT THIS PAGE IS THAT THESE DEPARTMENTS CAME TOGETHER  
6 TO DEVELOP WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH  
7 TO DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS CHALLENGE IN LOS ANGELES THAT HAS  
8 EXISTED. A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT IS SPENT ON SHELTERS,  
9 OBVIOUSLY, AND SHELTERING IS VERY IMPORTANT, HOUSING IS  
10 IMPORTANT, BUT THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT CANNOT BE SOLVED SIMPLY  
11 BY HOUSING. AND IT'S A TRIBUTE, I BELIEVE, FROM AN  
12 ORGANIZATIONAL STANDPOINT, TO THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF, THAT IT  
13 WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP SUCH A APPREHENSIVE PLAN IN A  
14 COLLABORATIVE FASHION. THESE ARE THE 10 ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.  
15 IT IS NOT FOCUSED JUST ON SHELTERS, IT'S NOT FOCUSED JUST ON  
16 SKID ROW. IT PROVIDES A STAFF TO DEAL WITH DISCHARGE POLICIES  
17 IN JAILS, IN HOSPITALS, IT PROVIDES STAFF IN SPAS TO DEAL WITH  
18 HOUSING BY ADDING HOUSING LOCATORS, CREATING A DATABASE, AND A  
19 GENERAL RELIEF HOUSING SUBSIDY PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL, AND IT  
20 IS A PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, IS \$99.694  
21 MILLION. 80 MILLION OF THAT IS FOR A HOUSING TRUST FUND THAT  
22 CAN BE USED FOR A LOT OF PURPOSES OTHER THAN SIMPLY HOUSING.  
23 WE WANT TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH OTHER  
24 ISSUES AS THEY COME UP, IN ADDITION TO HOUSING. \$4 MILLION OF  
25 NON-GENERAL FUND INCLUDED IN THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM, A NEW



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1 \$15.5 MILLION GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS ELEMENTS  
2 OF THE PLAN. AND I WOULD NOTE THAT THIS IS ON TOP OF THE 20  
3 MILLION THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZED LAST YEAR AND IS, IN MOST  
4 CASES, BEING SPENT AT THIS TIME. SO WE WILL BE REPLENISHING,  
5 IF YOU WILL, THE PROGRAM THAT YOU STARTED LAST SPRING. THE  
6 FUND, AS I INDICATED, THE FUND, \$80 MILLION TO SUPPORT HOUSING  
7 FOR THE HOMELESS AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS. IT'S A  
8 WAY TO LEVERAGE OTHER FUNDS AS WELL, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
9 ACT, WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH PROP 63, CITY OF INDUSTRY  
10 REDEVELOPMENT HOUSING FUNDS, FEDERAL FUNDS, ET CETERA. A KEY  
11 COMPONENT OF THIS IS STABILIZATION CENTERS. GEOGRAPHICALLY  
12 DISBURSED, AGAIN, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN  
13 LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE 88 CITIES BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE COUNTY.  
14 HOMELESS POPULATION IS THROUGHOUT. OUR APPROACH HAS TO BE  
15 THROUGHOUT AS WELL, ALTHOUGH CLEARLY SKID ROW DESERVES A LOT  
16 OF SPECIAL ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THE CONCENTRATION OF HOMELESS  
17 POPULATION THERE. STABILIZATION CENTERS, 40 SHORT-TERM BEDS,  
18 COUNTY STAFF TEAMS FROM SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, D.H.S.  
19 THESE DO NOT CURRENTLY EXIST IN THE 18 ACCESS CENTERS THAT ARE  
20 FUNDED BY L.A.H.S.A. AND BY H.U.D. THEY ARE CENTERS THAT WILL  
21 BE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HOSPITALS TO TAKE HOMELESS  
22 PERSONS FOR ASSESSMENT CASE MANAGEMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
23 OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. AND I SHOULD NOTE AND I SHOULD HAVE  
24 NOTED AT THE OUTSET, THIS PLAN, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A HUNDRED  
25 MILLION DOLLARS, IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN



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1 LOS ANGELES. IT IS A START. IT IS A FOUNDATION. A NUMBER OF  
2 THESE PROGRAMS ARE PILOT PROGRAMS. WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT  
3 WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T WORK. WE LEARNED A LOT BY OUR TRIP THAT WE  
4 TOOK TO NEW YORK, MANY OF US, WITH SENATOR CEDILLO ON HOW NEW  
5 YORK CITY HANDLES IT. THEIR CHALLENGE IS A LITTLE BIT  
6 DIFFERENT THAN OURS BUT THE STABILIZATION CENTER CONCEPT IS  
7 SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO TEST AND SEE IF IT IS SUCCESSFUL.  
8 HOMELESS COURT. NEW YORK HAD A COMMUNITY COURT. IT WAS MUCH  
9 MORE BROAD-BASED THAN THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL. THIS IS TO  
10 HAVE A JUDGE ROTATE THROUGH THE FIVE STABILIZATION CENTERS TO  
11 DEAL WITH MISDEMEANOR, THE MINOR WARRANTS, OUTSTANDING  
12 WARRANTS, TICKETS THAT MUCH OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION HAS.  
13 PROTOTYPE COURT DEVELOPED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT, D.A. AND  
14 MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S A MENTAL HEALTH DUAL DIAGNOSIS COURT THAT  
15 WE ARE PROPOSING TO HELP FUND. IT WILL SERVE ALSO THE MENTALLY  
16 ILL HOMELESS POPULATION BUT MORE THAN THAT AS WELL. HOMELESS  
17 FAMILY ACCESS CENTER. THIS IS, AT THIS POINT, A FOCUS ON SKID  
18 ROW. THE CENTER WILL BE IN THE AREA OF SKID ROW AND I WAS-- I  
19 MEAN, I WENT TO SKID ROW LAST NIGHT BECAUSE I HAD NOT BEEN  
20 THERE, I WANTED TO BE THERE BEFORE I MADE THIS PRESENTATION.  
21 THERE WAS A FAMILY THAT HAD JUST SHOWN UP. THEY WERE CLEARLY  
22 NEW, THEY HAD SUITCASES, THERE WERE TWO YOUNG GIRLS WITH THE  
23 FAMILY AND BOTH L.A.H.S.A., WHO HAS AN EMERGENCY TEAM, AND THE  
24 SKID ROW FAMILY TEAM THAT YOUR BOARD DIRECTED IN DECEMBER WERE  
25 THERE HELPING THAT FAMILY. THEY DON'T HAVE AN ACCESS CENTER TO





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1 TAKE THE KIDS TO. THERE ARE MISSIONS DOWN THERE THAT WE'RE  
2 WORKING WITH BUT THIS WOULD GIVE THEM A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN  
3 TAKE THE FAMILIES, KIDS CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF IN A CHILDCARE  
4 CENTER AND HOPEFULLY SERVICES FOUND FOR THEM IN SOME PLACE  
5 OUTSIDE OF SKID ROW, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. ALSO MET A YOUNG  
6 LADY, 33 YEARS OLD, WHO HAD BEEN ON SKID ROW OFF AND ON SINCE  
7 1983, SO YOU HAVE A GENERATIONAL ISSUE IN SKID ROW FOR PEOPLE,  
8 THIS IS THEIR HOME. THIS IS A VERY, VERY COMPLICATED  
9 CHALLENGE. HOUSING LOCATORS. MENTAL HEALTH IS GOING TO FUND  
10 TWO STAFF POSITIONS IN EACH OF THE SPAS. D.P.S.S IS GOING TO  
11 CONTRACT TO WITH PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO FIND HOUSING FOR THE  
12 HOMELESS, THE GENERAL FUND PART OF THE PROPOSAL IS TO ADD  
13 ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS AND THEY WILL USE THE HOUSING DATABASE  
14 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BUY. THERE ARE-- THERE IS AT LEAST ONE  
15 COMPANY THAT WE'RE AWARE OF THAT PROVIDES, FOR MANY STATES IN  
16 THE UNITED STATES, A VERY ELABORATE HOUSING DATABASE THAT WILL  
17 ALLOW THESE LOCATORS TO TRACK AND FIND HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO  
18 NEED HOUSING. A GENERAL RELIEF HOUSING SUBSIDY IN CASE  
19 MANAGEMENT. THIS IS A PILOT, JUST TO GIVE YOU AN INDICATOR OF  
20 THE KIND OF RESOURCES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED IF WE WERE EVER TO  
21 SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS. 900 OF OUR G.R. POPULATION  
22 WILL BE PART OF THIS PILOT. IT'S A \$4 MILLION GENERAL FUND  
23 PROGRAM. ASSISTANCE OUTREACH IN JAILS AND HOSPITALS. THIS IS  
24 TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM THAT D.P.S.S. HAS THERE NOW. THIS IS  
25 VERY SUCCESSFUL IN NEW YORK AND RIKER'S ISLAND. IT'S TO DEAL



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1 WITH THE RELEASE OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION FROM THE JAILS  
2 INTO SKID ROW, IF YOU WILL, FROM HOSPITALS. THE PILOT IS AT  
3 THE MED CENTER AND THE FOUR CENTERS AROUND THE MED CENTER.  
4 STABILIZATION CENTERS CAN BE PART OF THIS AS WELL. TWO WEEKS  
5 AGO, WE KNOW THAT ONE HOSPITAL RELEASED A PATIENT IN A GOWN  
6 INTO SKID ROW. I WOULD HOPE THAT, WHEN WE HAVE THESE IN PLACE,  
7 THE DISCHARGE POLICIES, THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE  
8 PRIVATE SECTOR CAN TAKE AND USE AS WELL, USE THE DISCHARGE  
9 POLICIES THAT WE DEVELOP, MAYBE EVEN HIRE SOME OF OUR PEOPLE  
10 IN SOCIAL SERVICES TO WORK IN THEIR FACILITIES AS WELL TO HELP  
11 THEM DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF DISCHARGING HOMELESS AS WELL. AND,  
12 FINALLY, IN TERMS OF THE PROGRAM ITSELF, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO  
13 HAVE A HOMELESS HOUSING COORDINATOR, AN EXECUTIVE POSITION IN  
14 MY OFFICE THAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE  
15 OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS NOT A REGIONAL  
16 CZAR. THAT ISSUE, IF THERE IS ONE, IS YET TO BE ADDRESSED IN  
17 THE FUTURE. THIS PERSON IS SIMPLY FOR THE COUNTY OPERATIONS  
18 AND, OBVIOUSLY, WE'LL COORDINATE MORE DIRECTLY WITH ALL OF THE  
19 CITIES WHO ARE INVOLVED AND HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITY.  
20 THOSE ARE THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THERE ARE NUMEROUS  
21 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO APPROVE  
22 THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE, IN AND OF THEMSELVES, A  
23 SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKING. THE SHERIFF, CONNECTING INMATES WHO  
24 ARE ELIGIBLE FOSTER-- FORMER FOSTER YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 21  
25 WITH I.L.P. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDING TRAINING



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1 SPECIFICALLY TO THEIR SOCIAL WORKERS TO DEAL WITH THE HOMELESS  
2 POPULATION. MENTAL HEALTH IS PROPOSING TWO SAFE HAVENS WITH 25  
3 BEDS TO PROVIDE PERMANENT, NONTRADITIONAL HOUSING OUT OF PROP  
4 63 MONIES, ADDING PATIENT RIGHTS STAFF AT TWIN TOWERS,  
5 IMPLEMENTING A 24/7 ALTERNATE CRISIS SERVICE CENTER IN  
6 DOWNTOWN L.A. CHILDREN SERVICES: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF  
7 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS BY 50. AND CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL: THE  
8 DISCHARGE POLICY THAT IS CLOSE TO BEING FINALIZED WILL BE USED  
9 IN ALL OF THE FACILITIES, IN CONCERT WITH THE STABILIZATION  
10 CENTERS. AND I HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE SKID ROW FAMILY  
11 DIVERSION PLAN WHICH IS IN PLACE AND WORKING AS OF YESTERDAY.  
12 IMPLEMENTATION. THIS IS NOT, OBVIOUSLY, JUST GOING TO HAPPEN.  
13 ONE OF THE ITEMS, I THINK IT'S ITEM 5 ON THE AGENDA, IS TO  
14 DIRECT US TO DEVELOP A SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. AND WE  
15 WANTED TO KNOW, FIRST OF ALL, THAT THERE WAS THE SUPPORT FROM  
16 THE BOARD FOR THE PROGRAMS, FOR THE DOLLARS, BEFORE WE STARTED  
17 THE DETAILED WORK OF IMPLEMENTATION. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT  
18 GOING TO BE EASY. IT'S A LOT EASIER JUST TO FIND, AS TOUGH AS  
19 IT IS, IT'S A LOT EASIER JUST TO FIND A SHELTER, FIND A PLACE  
20 TO PUT HOUSING. THIS IS A VERY COMPLICATED, COMPREHENSIVE  
21 UNDERTAKING THAT WE THINK HAS TO WORK TO BE SUCCESSFUL BUT IT  
22 MAKES IT THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH. I KNOW THAT  
23 THERE ARE-- I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A MOTION ON WHAT WE CALL  
24 PERFORMANCE COUNTS AND THAT'S DEVELOPING INDICATORS, MEASURES  
25 OF SUCCESS, WHICH WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO. WE NEED TO KNOW



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1 WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T WORK AND CHANGE AS WE GO THROUGH THIS  
2 THAT WHICH IS NOT WORKING TO SOMETHING THAT DOES WORK. SO,  
3 WITH THAT, LET ME STOP AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK LARI SHEEHAN  
4 TO TAKE MY PLACE. OH, OKAY. SOMEWHERE WHERE YOU CAN PLUG IN.  
5 SHE IS THE PERSON IN MY OFFICE WHO HAS BEEN COORDINATING THIS  
6 ENTIRE UNDERTAKING AND KNOWS A LOT MORE ABOUT IT THAN I DO.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, ARE WE GOING TO BEGIN WITH QUESTIONS OR  
9 HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES. I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD A  
12 QUESTION, RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE WILL GIVE SOME MORE OF THE REPORT  
15 THEN WE CAN ASK QUESTIONS.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. SHE'S GOING TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. SO  
18 YOU HAD A QUESTION ON THE TABLE THAT SHE'S GOING TO ANSWER.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE PLAN TO  
21 FUND ONE STABILIZATION CENTER IN EACH DISTRICT?

22

23 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. MAYOR, AS MR. JANSSEN HAS POINTED OUT IN HIS  
24 PRESENTATION, THIS HOMELESS POPULATION IS REGIONALLY  
25 DISTRIBUTED. THERE IS AT LEAST ONE HOMELESS ACCESS CENTER IN



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1 EACH DISTRICT AND WE THOUGHT THAT WE NEEDED TO TEST THE  
2 CONCEPT FIRST RATHER THAN GOING BROAD, AND THAT WE COULD  
3 PROBABLY ACCOMMODATE, ASSUMING THAT WE CAN FIND COMMUNITIES  
4 THAT WILL ACCEPT AN EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ACCESS CENTER, WE  
5 COULD ACCOMMODATE FIVE TO START WITH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE INITIATIVE CREATES SAFE HAVENS FOR  
8 CLIENTS BUT THE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION READS THAT CLIENTS WILL  
9 NOT HAVE A LOT OF RULES IN THE SAFE HAVENS. THE QUESTION IS,  
10 WILL THEY BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THEIR MEDICATION AS A  
11 REQUIREMENT? WILL THEY BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALCOHOL,  
12 NARCOTIC PROGRAMS, REHABILITATION PROGRAMS?

13

14 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I NEED DR. SOUTHARD. THIS IS A MENTAL HEALTH  
15 SERVICES ACT PROGRAM.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID YOU HEAR THE QUESTION, DOCTOR?

18

19 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** I DID. MARV SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR, COUNTY  
20 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THE SAFE HAVENS ARE A PARTICULAR  
21 MODEL OF H.U.D. FUNDED PROGRAMS THAT ARE OPERATING ALREADY  
22 AROUND THE COUNTRY. WHEN THE GROUP WENT TO NEW YORK CITY, WE  
23 VISITED THE CLINTON RESIDENCE, WHICH WAS-- INCLUDED ONE OF  
24 THESE SAFE HAVEN PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A SAFE HAVEN OPERATING  
25 CURRENTLY IN-- WITH D.M.H. FUNDING AT OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY



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1 CENTER AND THE MODEL THERE IS THAT PEOPLE CAN COME AND DO AS  
2 WELL AS THEY CAN. IN THAT PROCESS, YOU TRY TO ENGAGE THEM IN  
3 WHATEVER SERVICES THAT THEY NEED, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH  
4 SERVICES OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THEIR  
7 MEDICATION?

8

9 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** WHEN I WENT TO THE CLINTON RESIDENCE, I  
10 ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT QUESTION AND THE ANSWER IS THEY DON'T  
11 HAVE TO TAKE THE MEDICATION BUT THEY HAVE TO BEHAVE PROPERLY  
12 AND IF, IN ORDER TO BEHAVE PROPERLY, THEY NEED TO TAKE THE  
13 MEDICATION, THEN THEY NEED TO TAKE THE MEDICATION TO STAY, SO  
14 THERE'S NO...

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S AN OXYMORON.

17

18 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** WELL, THERE'S NO ABSOLUTE RULE BUT, AS  
19 THEY ENFORCE THE BEHAVIOR IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO STAY, THEN  
20 THEY'RE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE MEDICATION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOME OF THE ADMISSIONS DOWNTOWN  
23 INDICATE THEY HAVE BED SPACE BUT, MANY TIMES, THE PEOPLE WITH  
24 SEVERE MENTAL, ALCOHOL, DRUG-RELATED PROBLEMS PREFER TO STAY  
25 ON THE CURB. SO HOW DO YOU ENCOURAGE AN INDIVIDUAL, IF HE'S





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1 GOING TO BECOME A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN, TO TAKE THAT MEDICATION  
2 AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM?

3

4 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** MR. MAYOR, I SPEAK TO THE MEDICATION  
5 COMPONENT. WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IS THAT IT TAKES THE BUILDING  
6 OF A RELATIONSHIP OVER TIME, INDIVIDUAL TO INDIVIDUAL. SO  
7 WHOEVER IS DOING THE OUTREACH NEEDS TO BUILD A BOND OF TRUST  
8 SO THAT THEY BELIEVE THE MEDICATION WILL, IN FACT, HELP THEM  
9 AND, WHEN THAT HAPPENS, MANY TIMES YOU CAN GET PEOPLE TO TAKE  
10 MEDICATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE A LADY RIGHT  
13 IN FRONT OF THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION TODAY, NOW SHE'S THERE  
14 EVERY DAY, WHO WALKS IN A CIRCLE BETWEEN THE TWO BUS BENCHES  
15 IN FRONT OF THE COURT, IN FRONT OF THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION.  
16 AND WHEN WE'VE SENT OUT THE PSYCHOLOGIC PET TEAM, SHE REFUSES  
17 THAT TREATMENT AND YET SHE'S STILL LIVING OUTSIDE, WALKING IN  
18 A CIRCLE, IN NEED OF MEDICATION AND REFUSING THAT MEDICATION.  
19 SO YOU'RE NOT DEALING WITH A NORMAL PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS THE  
20 NEED TO GET OUT OF THE RAIN, THE NEED TO BE TREATED. HOW DO  
21 YOU TREAT THAT INDIVIDUAL?

22

23 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** OVER TIME, THE ONLY THING THAT YOU CAN DO,  
24 UNLESS SHE BECOMES A DANGER TO HERSELF OR OTHERS IN A CLEAR  
25 WAY, WHICH WOULD ALLOW YOU-- ALLOW US, UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW,



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1 TO PROVIDE THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT, THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO  
2 IS TO TRY TO BUILD SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST SO THAT  
3 SHE'LL-- SO THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT HELP.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU HAVE ANOTHER PERSON WHO SITS  
6 WITH A BLANKET OVER THEIR HEAD IN FRONT OF UNION STATION,  
7 WHERE WE SENT THE PET TEAM AS WELL, AND THEY ARE CLEARLY A  
8 DANGER TO THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE THERE DAILY AND CONTINUE TO  
9 BE IN NEED OF CARE, YET REJECTING THAT MEDICATION AND KEEPING  
10 A TOWEL OVER THEIR HEAD.

11

12 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** WELL, MR. MAYOR, AS WE BOTH KNOW, THERE  
13 ARE CURRENTLY LIMITATIONS IN CALIFORNIA LAW ABOUT WHAT WE'RE  
14 ABLE TO DO AND NOT ABLE TO DO AND WE WORK TO TRY TO EXPAND  
15 WHAT WE CAN DO. BUT, SO FAR, THIS IS THE SITUATION WE'RE IN.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S ONE OF THE FALLACIES OF THIS  
18 TYPE OF PROGRAM. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH  
19 THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL UNTIL THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE  
20 MEDICATION TO STABILIZE THEM AND BECOME A NORMAL...

21

22 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** WELL, THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE, MR. MAYOR.  
23 MY WIFE RUNS A HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM IN ANOTHER COUNTY  
24 AND, OVER TIME, IT IS POSSIBLE TO FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE  
25 PEOPLE LIKE THE ONES YOU DESCRIBE SO THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO



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1 GET HELP. AND SO THEN THE ISSUE IS MAKING SURE THAT, WHEN THEY  
2 FINALLY WANT HELP, THE DOORS ARE, IN FACT, OPEN FOR THEM. I  
3 THINK THAT'S KIND OF THE CHALLENGE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO REACT  
4 TO IN THIS PLAN IS, WHEN PEOPLE FINALLY WANT HELP, WILL THE  
5 DOORS BE OPEN TO PROVIDE THEM THE CARE THEY NEED?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN IT MAY BE TOO LATE. THE DISCHARGE  
8 POLICY INCLUDES \$99,000 FROM THE SHERIFF'S INMATE WELFARE FUND  
9 TO VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA FOR TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES TO OUR  
10 COUNTY RELEASE PROGRAM. WAS THERE AN R.F.P. ISSUED FOR THIS  
11 CONTRACT? AND HOW CAN OTHER AGENCIES LIKE FRIENDS OUTSIDE,  
12 WHICH HAS A VERY EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION DISCHARGE PROGRAM  
13 FOR INMATES, APPLY?

14

15 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. MAYOR, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK THE SHERIFF  
16 IF THEY HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE THAT CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION. I  
17 DO KNOW THAT THEY CONTRACT WITH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA NOW  
18 AND WE'VE SEEN THEIR PROGRAM AND THEY HAVE AN ACCESS CENTER IN  
19 THE SKID ROW AREA.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHO IS HERE FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
22 DEPARTMENT WHO IS AWARE OF THIS CONTRACT? AND THE QUESTION,  
23 WAS THERE AN R.F.P. FOR THIS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA? THAT'S ON  
24 PAGE 3 OF THE 12-PAGE REPORT, WHERE IT SAYS, "THE V.O.A. WILL  
25 RECEIVE \$99,000 TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE ON A 24/7



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1 SCHEDULE AND PROVIDE A WIDE ARRAY OF AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE  
2 PROVIDERS. IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THEY'LL SERVE ALL THE  
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS." WAS THAT AN R.F.P.? AND DID THE  
4 FRIENDS OF OUTSIDE AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, WERE THEY  
5 ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROPOSAL?

6

7 **DANA ROBERTS:** TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, SIR-- I'M DANA  
8 ROBERTS FROM, OBVIOUSLY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THERE HAS  
9 BEEN NO R.F.P. IT'S PART OF THE PROPOSAL THAT WE'RE WORKING  
10 ALONG WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE.

11

12 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I THINK, IN THAT CASE, THAT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED  
13 IN DOING AN R.F.P., WE PROBABLY NEED TO-- BUT WE WILL LOOK  
14 INTO THAT.

15

16 **DANA ROBERTS:** WE WOULD HAVE TO DO THAT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'D HAVE-- SO THIS IS JUST A-- FOR  
19 EXAMPLE, V.O.A. IS A POSSIBLE VENDOR, THEY'RE NOT...

20

21 **DANA ROBERTS:** RIGHT. THEY'RE THE CURRENT VENDOR THAT THE  
22 SHERIFF IS USING.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE IT SAYS "WILL RECEIVE," NOT  
25 "MAY RECEIVE."



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1

2 **DANA ROBERTS:** WELL, IT IS AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH THE V.O.A.  
3 BUT I THINK IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HAVING AN R.F.P. ON THAT,  
4 WE SHOULD LOOK INTO THAT WITH THE SHERIFF.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, IF YOU'RE ALLOTING NEARLY  
7 \$100,000, DON'T WE HAVE...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS SAYING THEY  
10 WOULD HAVE TO DO AN R.F.P. IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, RIGHT?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE SAYS YES AND ONE SAYS NO. THE  
13 GENTLEMAN IN THE CENTER, ARE YOU SAYING NO, THEY DON'T NEED AN  
14 R.F.P.?

15

16 **MICHAEL CASTILLO:** WHAT I'M SAYING IS IT'S A CURRENT CONTRACT  
17 AND IT WOULD BE...

18

19 **DANA ROBERTS:** THIS IS MICHAEL CASTILLO FROM MY STAFF.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE RECOMMENDED POLICY IMPLIES THAT  
22 FUTURE FUNDING WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE SAVINGS AND COST TO  
23 THE EMERGENCY ROOMS AND JAILS BY FEWER HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.  
24 WHAT IS THE CURRENT COST IMPACT TO HOMELESSNESS ON THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SHERIFF AND OTHER COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENTS? AND HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHETHER THOSE COSTS HAVE  
2 DECREASED IN THE FUTURE?

3

4 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE BEST INFORMATION I CAN GIVE YOU ON THAT IS  
5 SOME INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN COLLECTED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT  
6 KINDS OF COSTS RELATED TO EMERGENCY ROOM BEDS, JAIL BEDS,  
7 VERSUS EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS. AND I'M GOING TO NEED TO FIND  
8 THAT. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE LOCALLY HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION  
9 ABOUT WHAT THE SAVINGS WOULD BE BUT WE DO KNOW THAT THE COSTS  
10 OF THOSE KINDS OF BEDS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE KINDS  
11 OF BEDS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. THE PERMANENT BEDS. I'M  
12 SORRY, I'M LOOKING FOR IT. I DIDN'T HAVE IT MARKED. COULD WE  
13 JUST HOLD ON THAT AND, AS SOON AS WE FIND THAT INFORMATION,  
14 WE'LL FIVE IT TO YOU?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHILE HE'S LOOKING FOR THE  
17 INFORMATION, HOW DID YOU DETERMINE IF THERE HAS BEEN A  
18 REDUCTION IN HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY? AFTER THE \$99,000--  
19 OR, EXCUSE ME, AFTER THE \$99 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT, HOW DO  
20 YOU DETERMINE THE REDUCTION?

21

22 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I THINK THAT THE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM  
23 THAT WE'RE PROPOSING WILL HELP US TRACK THAT KIND OF  
24 INFORMATION AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAD SOME VERY SPECIFIC  
25 REQUESTS THAT YOU WANTED INCLUDED IN THAT PERFORMANCE TRACKING





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1   PROCESS TO DEAL WITH THAT SPECIFICALLY, ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE  
2   WE'VE PLACED IN PERMANENT HOUSING AND HOW MANY ARE ACTUALLY  
3   OFF THE STREETS.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HAVE YOU FOUND THAT INFORMATION  
6   YET?

7

8   **MICHAEL CASTILLO:** THERE'S DATA REGARDING THE-- THERE'S DATA--  
9   I'M FINDING DATA REGARDING THE NUMBER OF USES BUT NO DOLLAR  
10   AMOUNTS ATTACHED AT THIS POINT.

11

12   **LARI SHEEHAN:** I'M SORRY. I SHOULD HAVE HAD IT MARKED. I'M  
13   SORRY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT  
14   INFORMATION.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE THAT'S A KEY COMPONENT, I  
17   WOULD SAY. THE PLAN CALLS FOR PAYING \$1,500 TO EACH HOUSING  
18   LOCATOR WHO FINDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR A HOMELESS PERSON OR  
19   FAMILY. DOES THAT LOCATOR RECEIVE THE ENTIRE \$1,500 WHEN THAT  
20   INDIVIDUAL SIGNS A LEASE OR DO YOU PAY A PORTION UP FRONT AND  
21   THE BALANCE OF THE FINDER'S FEE AFTER THAT INDIVIDUAL STAYS IN  
22   THE APARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME?

23

24   **LARI SHEEHAN:** I THINK THE LATTER IS CORRECT, SIR.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AFTER HE STAYS THERE FOR A PERIOD OF  
2    TIME?

3

4    **MICHAEL CASTILLO:** SIX MONTHS.

5

6    **LARI SHEEHAN:** SIX MONTHS IS THE PERIOD OF TIME, THEY HAVE TO  
7    BE THERE SIX MONTHS BEFORE THEY GET THE...

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY HAVE TO PAY SIX MONTHS. SO WOULD  
10   A LOCATOR THEN BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THAT ADDITIONAL \$1,500 IF  
11   THEY FIND THAT SAME PERSON ANOTHER HOME IN SIX MONTHS?

12

13   **LARI SHEEHAN:** NO. THEY WOULD RECEIVE A PORTION OF IT WHEN THEY  
14   FIND THEM A HOME, UP TO \$1,500. THEY RECEIVE THE REST OF THE  
15   \$1,500 IF THE PERSON STAYS THERE FOR SIX MONTHS. AND THEN  
16   FINDS THEM ANOTHER HOME AFTERWARDS, I DON'T-- I MEAN, I THINK  
17   WE'D HAVE TO PUT THAT IN THE CONTRACT BUT IT WOULD BE MY  
18   ESTIMATION THAT WE WOULD NOT BE PAYING THEM AGAIN TO REPLACE  
19   THE SAME PERSON.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE THAT'S NOT IN THE CONTRACT  
22   RIGHT NOW.

23

24   **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE CONTRACT HAS NOT BEEN AWARDED AT THIS TIME.

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. BUT IT'S NOT IN YOUR PACKET, SO  
2   ALL WE HAVE IS WHAT YOU GIVE US AND THERE'S REALLY FLAWED  
3   BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF THAT INFORMATION. WILL THE \$300  
4   RENT SUBSIDY FOR G.R. RECIPIENTS BE GIVEN TO THE RECIPIENT OR  
5   THE LANDLORD? WOULD THE LANDLORD HAVE TO SIGN A LONG-TERM  
6   LEASE TO RECEIVE THAT CHECK OR WOULD IT BE ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH  
7   BASIS?

8

9   **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE MONEY WILL GO TO THE LANDLORD, IT WILL NOT  
10   GO TO THE RECIPIENT. AS FAR AS THE LONG-TERM LEASE, I WOULD  
11   ASSUME THAT WE WOULD ASK FOR A LONG-TERM LEASE IN ORDER TO-- I  
12   MEAN, LONG-TERM BEING A YEAR, WHICH IS WHAT NORMALLY A LEASE  
13   IS FOR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THEM MONEY.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AMONG THE SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS  
16   ARE \$400,000 FOR THE SHERIFF, TRANSPORTATION OF HOMELESS  
17   INMATES UPON RELEASE, \$215,000 FOR HOMELESS DATABASE FOR  
18   SHERIFF, UNDETERMINED AMOUNT TO SHERIFF FOR SERVICES TO FORMER  
19   FOSTER CARE INMATES. NOW, ARE THESE INCLUDED IN THE \$99  
20   MILLION OR IS THIS AN ADDITIONAL COST?

21

22   **LARI SHEEHAN:** THOSE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL. THE SERVICES TO THE  
23   FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
24   PROGRAM FUNDS WOULD COME FROM THAT PROGRAM THROUGH D.C.F.S.  
25   THE DATABASE IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO



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1 WORK WITH THE SHERIFF ON. WE'RE PREPARING SEVERAL DATABASES,  
2 SO WE'RE HOPING THAT SOME OF THE DATABASES THAT WE'RE USING  
3 CAN BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND, I'M SORRY, I MISSED THE  
4 THIRD PART OF IT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT A  
7 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS? I MEAN, JUST THOSE TWO ITEMS ARE  
8 615,000 THAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE 99 MILLION.

9

10 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WELL, SOME OF THE TRANSPORTATION, I BELIEVE, IS  
11 COMING FROM THE INMATE WELFARE FUND. IT'S NOT COMING FROM THE  
12 GENERAL FUND.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IT'S STILL A TOTAL COST.

15

16 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT'D BE CLOSER TO 100 MILLION.

19

20 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WELL, IF YOU ADDED IN THE MONEY THAT'S COMING  
21 FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, IT WOULD BE QUITE A BIT  
22 MORE THAN THAT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW MUCH MONEY IS COMING FROM  
25 PROPOSITION 63?



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**LARI SHEEHAN:** IT'S APPROXIMATELY 21.5 MILLION. 11.6 MILLION IS ONE-TIME FUNDS THAT WILL GO INTO A HOUSING FUND, WHICH MENTAL HEALTH WILL MANAGE FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND NEED HOUSING, AND 9.9 MILLION IS ONGOING COSTS RELATED TO THE SAFE HAVENS, THE DOWNTOWN ALTERNATE CRISIS SERVICE WELLNESS CENTER, PATIENT RIGHT ADVOCATES IN THE JAILS, LINKING JAIL INMATES TO FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS, RESIDENTIAL AND BRIDGING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE COMING OUT OF INSTITUTIONAL, PRIMARILY THE JAILS, AND THEN A TRANSITION AGE YOUTH HOUSING PROGRAM.

12

**SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO THE TITLE 4 WAIVER MAKE THE SHERIFF ELIGIBLE TO BE PAID FOR SERVICES TO FORMER FOSTER CARE INMATES? AND WOULD THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BE ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THOSE SERVICES, FOR SERVICES TO THESE INMATES?

18

**LARI SHEEHAN:** WE MADE THAT RECOMMENDATION BEFORE THE WAIVER CAME THROUGH, IT JUST CAME THROUGH LAST WEEK, AS YOU KNOW, AND WE BELIEVE THOSE YOUTH, IF THEY ARE YOUTH WHO WERE IN FOSTER CARE AT THE TIME THAT THEY WERE 16 YEARS OF AGE, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, WILL BE ELIGIBLE, IF THEY ARE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILL PROGRAM FUNDS FROM D.C.F.S.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DOES DR. SANDERS AGREE WITH THAT?  
2    DR. SANDERS?

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4    **LARI SHEEHAN:** THIS HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WITH HIS STAFF.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. SANDERS, THE QUESTION WAS, WOULD  
7    THE TITLE 4-E WAIVER MAKE THE SHERIFF ELIGIBLE TO BE PAID FOR  
8    SERVICES TO FORMER FOSTER CARE INMATES? AND WOULD YOUR  
9    DEPARTMENT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR SERVICES TO THESE  
10   INMATES?

11

12   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MAYOR, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PIECES TO  
13   THAT. THERE IS CURRENTLY MONEY AVAILABLE THAT COULD BE  
14   SUPPORTIVE TO THE SHERIFF FOCUSED ON THE FOSTER CARE  
15   POPULATION, THE YOUTH WHO'VE AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE AND SO  
16   THAT SEEMS TO BE ONE AREA. IT'S MONEY THAT COMES TO OUR  
17   DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CHAFFE ACT. THE 4-E WAIVER WOULD ALLOW US  
18   TO SPEND DOLLARS FLEXIBLY AND FOCUS ON THIS POPULATION, SO  
19   THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER AVENUE.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE PROGRAM ALSO STATES THAT FUNDS  
22   WOULD BE IDENTIFIED FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND  
23   OTHER FAMILIES THAT DON'T MEET THE WELFARE PROGRAM  
24   REQUIREMENTS. HOW MANY OF THOSE FAMILIES WOULD BECOME ELIGIBLE  
25   FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS PROGRAM?





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2 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT MIGHT BE A QUESTION FOR  
3 MR. YOKOMIZO.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LORI, DO YOU HAVE THAT? IT'S ON PAGE 2  
6 OF 4.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** BRYCE IS UP-- BRYCE UP HERE, TOO.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BRYCE?

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MR. MAYOR, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, D.P.S.S. AS I  
13 UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION, IT WAS HOW MANY UNDOCUMENTED  
14 FAMILIES?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES. ON PAGE 2 OF 4, IT SAYS, "FOR  
17 FAMILIES, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED FAMILIES WHO DON'T MEET  
18 REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE D.P.S.S. HOUSING ASSISTANCE, THAT  
19 THEY'D BE ELIGIBLE FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE."

20

21 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YEAH. THE FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE ARE-- WE DO  
22 NOT SERVE UNDOCUMENTED FAMILIES, SO THOSE THAT ARE RECEIVING  
23 ASSISTANCE ON CALWORKS ARE ALL DOCUMENTED FAMILIES. SO IT  
24 WOULD HAVE TO BE NET COUNTY COSTS UTILIZED FOR THOSE FAMILIES  
25 WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR COST ESTIMATE FOR THAT?

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4 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FOR-- WELL, WE DON'T SERVE UNDOCUMENTED  
5 FAMILIES.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I KNOW BUT, IN HERE, WE HAVE A  
8 PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES SERVING UNDOCUMENTED. SO WHAT IS THAT  
9 COST FIGURE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

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11 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE NUMBERS, THE  
12 ACTUAL NUMBERS OF UNDOCUMENTED FAMILIES THAT WE HAVE ENGAGED  
13 IN SKID ROW AT THIS POINT IN TIME BUT WE ARE WORKING ON  
14 NUMBERS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND GETTING CHARACTERISTICAL  
15 INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILIES THAT WE ARE ENGAGING ON SKID  
16 ROW, SO WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION ON  
17 THAT. THIS IS FOCUSED ON SKID ROW FAMILIES. I THINK YOU'RE  
18 LOOKING AT THE SKID ROW FAMILY DIVERSION PLAN?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT YOU INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR SKID ROW  
21 PROPOSAL?

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23 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO, IF YOU'RE INCLUDING THEM IN THAT  
2    PROPOSAL AND YOU HAVE A \$100 MILLION ITEM BEFORE US, WE OUGHT  
3    KNOW THE COSTS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

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5    **LARI SHEEHAN:** WELL, AGAIN, THAT WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE  
6    80 MILLION AND THE ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR HOUSING AND RENTAL  
7    SUBSIDIES AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. AND, UNTIL WE HAVE A  
8    HANDLE ON HOW MANY FAMILIES WE'RE RUNNING INTO DOWN THERE THAT  
9    ARE UNDOCUMENTED FAMILIES THAT WE WANT TO REMOVE FROM SKID  
10   ROW, I CANNOT GIVE YOU A DEFINITE ANSWER AS TO HOW MUCH IT'S  
11   GOING TO COST US.

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY WOULDN'T YOU HAVE THEM REPORT TO  
14   HOMELAND SECURITY?

15

16   **LARI SHEEHAN:** WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT IS AN OPTION. I MEAN, WE'RE  
17   TRYING TO DEAL WITH FAMILIES. THE FOCUS WAS TO GET FAMILIES  
18   OFF OF SKID ROW SINCE THIS IS AN INAPPROPRIATE PLACE FOR  
19   FAMILIES TO BE.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S CORRECT. BUT YOU'RE ALSO  
22   PUTTING IN A COST THAT WOULD BE BORNE BY THE COUNTY, WHO HAVE  
23   A TOUGH TIME PAYING THE COSTS FOR THOSE THAT ARE HERE LEGALLY.

24

25   **LARI SHEEHAN:** YES, I UNDERSTAND.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF AMENDMENTS. ONE--  
3 FIRST, BEFORE I READ THE AMENDMENT, WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
4 OF GENERAL FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT?

5

6 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I'M SORRY. I WAS JUST GETTING THE ANSWER TO...

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUNDS  
9 FOR YOUR HOMELESS PROPOSAL?

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11 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUNDS THAT'S GOING IN IS  
12 \$95,443,000.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO, FROM THE GENERAL FUND, YOU'RE  
15 TAKING \$95 MILLION?

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17 **LARI SHEEHAN:** 80,000 IS ONE-TIME FUNDING AND THERE IS 15  
18 MILLION-- I SAID 80,000-- MILLION. 80 MILLION IS ONE TIME  
19 FUNDING. 15,443,000 IS THE ONGOING COST.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THAT IMPACTS EVERY DEPARTMENT THAT  
22 RECEIVES GENERAL FUND RESOURCES, WHICH BASICALLY ARE PUBLIC  
23 SAFETY...

24

25 **LARI SHEEHAN:** YES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT TRUE. YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE  
3 WHOLE CONTEXT OF THE BUDGET, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD. IT'S NOT  
4 GOING TO AFFECT ANYBODY. EVERYBODY IS GROWING.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WAIT. I HAVE THE FLOOR. MR. JANSSEN?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THIS IS A PROPOSAL FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. IT  
9 WILL COME OUT OF INCREASED REVENUE TO THE COUNTY, INCREASED  
10 PROPERTY TAX. WE ARE PROPOSING, IN THE BUDGET, TO SPEND  
11 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE MONEY. YOUR BOARD HAS ALLOCATED  
12 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE MONEY TO THE JAIL PROBLEM THAN THIS. IN THE  
13 BIG PICTURE, EVERYTHING COMPETES WITH EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT THE  
14 BUDGET IS GROWING NEXT YEAR AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS RECEIVING  
15 THE BULK OF THE INCREASE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE PROBLEM IS THAT, THROUGH PAST  
18 REDUCTIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY, WE HAVE CRIPPLED PUBLIC SAFETY.  
19 WE'VE SEEN THAT WITH THE RECKLESS EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM OF THE  
20 JAILS, THE ESCAPES THAT HAVE OCCURRED FROM PROBATION, THE  
21 UNDERSTAFFED DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE  
22 AND THE REDUCTION IN SHERIFF RESOURCES TO INCREASE PATROLS IN  
23 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. BUT  
24 COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROTOTYPE COURT



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1 AND THE HOMELESS COURT AND HOW DOES THE EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH  
2 AND DRUG COURTS ASSIST THE HOMELESS?

3

4 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. MAYOR, THE PROTOTYPE COURT IS SOMETHING THAT  
5 IS A HYBRID BETWEEN A MENTAL HEALTH AND A DRUG COURT AND IT  
6 WILL BE TREATING PEOPLE WHO HAVE CO-EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH AND  
7 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS AND ARE FELONS WHO BASICALLY HAVE  
8 FAILED PROP 36, I WANT TO SAY, AND IT WILL BE DONE ON A PILOT  
9 BASIS. JUDGE TYNAN AND THE SUPERIOR COURT HAVE BEEN WORKING  
10 WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND PUBLIC DEFENDER AND A NUMBER OF  
11 OTHERS TO PUT THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER, ALONG WITH DR. SOUTHARD  
12 FROM MENTAL HEALTH. IT WILL BE A PILOT. IT WILL BE ABOUT, I  
13 THINK, ABOUT 50 FELONS WHO WILL BE-- BECOME THE SUBJECT OF  
14 THAT COURT. SO IT IS A HYBRID OF THE TWO OF THEM DEALING WITH  
15 CO-EXISTING DISORDERS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO PUT TWO AMENDMENTS  
18 ON THE FLOOR. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD, THE CHIEF  
19 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IS RECOMMENDING A COMPREHENSIVE  
20 INITIATIVE OF UNPRECEDENTED PROPORTIONS TO EXPAND COUNTYWIDE  
21 SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION TO ENSURE THAT THEY  
22 CONTINUE TO HAVE CARE DEVELOP PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAM IS  
23 EFFECTIVE. IT OUGHT TO BE DEVELOPED WITH SPECIFIC  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVALUATION MEASUREMENTS IN MIND. SUCH  
25 EVALUATION CRITERIA WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO ASSESS THE QUALITY





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1 AND PERFORMANCE OF THE HOMELESS PREVENTION PROJECT'S OVERALL  
2 PROGRAM AND TO MEET ONGOING CONTINUING NEEDS AND PRIORITIES.  
3 THE EVALUATION SYSTEM OUGHT TO BE BUILT AROUND THE MEASUREMENT  
4 OF FACTORS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS  
5 INDIVIDUALS. I THEREFORE MORE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O.  
6 TO DEVELOP AN EVALUATION SYSTEM THAT SHALL CONSIDER THE  
7 FOLLOWING: COMPLIANCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
8 TREATMENT PLAN, COMMON OUTCOMES AND MEASUREMENTS FOR EACH  
9 SERVICE PROVIDER TO TRACK, FACTORS THAT INCLUDING OCCUPANCY OR  
10 SERVICE LEVELS AND COMPLEXITY OF THE POPULATION SERVED,  
11 PERCENT OF NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM THAT  
12 OBTAIN PERMANENT HOUSE AND STAY IN PERMANENT HOUSING FOR AT  
13 LEAST SIX MONTHS, MEASUREMENT OF PARTICIPANTS WITH AN INCREASE  
14 IN EMPLOYMENT INCOME FROM ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM TO EXIT,  
15 MEASUREMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS WITH SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL  
16 RESOURCES TO LIVE IN PERMANENT HOUSING, MEASUREMENT OF THE  
17 REDUCTION IN THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION, INDICATORS OF  
18 THE PROGRESS OF EACH PROGRAM AND MEETING OUTCOMES AND WITH A  
19 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE EVALUATION SYSTEM PRIOR TO  
20 IMPLEMENTATION. THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST AMENDMENT I PUT ON THE  
21 TABLE. THE SECOND AMENDMENT, ONE OF THE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
22 THE HOMELESS PREVENTATIVE INITIATIVE INCLUDES THE HOMELESS  
23 FAMILY ACCESS CENTER FOR SKID ROW FAMILIES. PART OF THAT PLAN  
24 INCLUDES AN ENHANCED FAMILY DIVERSION PLAN, WHICH REQUIRES  
25 FUNDS BE IDENTIFIED FOR FAMILIES, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED



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1 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
2 FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES. I'D MOVE THAT  
3 THE BOARD DELETE THE PART OF HOMELESS INITIATIVE THAT PROVIDES  
4 HOUSING SERVICE TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. AND I'LL PUT THOSE TWO  
5 ON THE TABLE. SUPERVISOR KNABE? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AFTER  
6 KNABE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** TO THE C.A.O., I MEAN, THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, YOU  
9 KNOW, BASICALLY, HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT THE \$80 MILLION NUMBER?  
10 YOU KNOW, WE'VE TALKED, THERE WAS SOME COMMENT IN HERE, I  
11 MEAN, THERE'S OTHER FUNDING LIKE PROP 63, YOU KNOW, THAT COULD  
12 BE MATCHED WITH THESE DOLLARS. HOW IS THAT, YOU KNOW, ALL  
13 GOING TO BE LEVERAGED AGAINST THOSE PARTICULAR DOLLARS? OR, I  
14 MEAN, BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING IT'S A STRAIGHT GENERAL FUND  
15 ALLOCATION HERE, IS THAT CORRECT.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT, MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THERE'S  
18 NOTHING MAGIC ABOUT THE NUMBER, 80 MILLION. I THINK-- AND I'VE  
19 BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT. I THINK THE BEST ANSWER IS THAT'S  
20 WHAT WE THOUGHT WE COULD AFFORD, THAT IT ISN'T NEARLY ENOUGH  
21 TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT BUT IT'S WHAT WE THINK WE CAN  
22 AFFORD AT THIS TIME. ONCE WE GET THE PROGRAMS IN PLACE, FIND  
23 OUT WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T WORK, THEN WE WILL HAVE TO COME  
24 BACK AND REVISIT WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY  
25 AVAILABLE FROM WHATEVER SOURCE IN OUT YEARS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, ON THE ONGOING GENERAL FUNDS, THE 15.6 OR  
3 AROUND THAT PARTICULAR NUMBER, WE'RE NOT APPROVING ANY MORE IN  
4 GENERAL FUND DOLLARS BEYOND THAT TODAY, RIGHT? IS THAT  
5 CORRECT?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS CORRECT AND THIS ACTUALLY WILL BE IN  
8 NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, SO YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IT AGAIN IN JUNE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** AND ANY OF THESE NEW PROGRAMS, ARE THEY TAKING  
11 AWAY ANY FUNDING FROM ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS OR...

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13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY'RE ALL NEW FUNDING SOURCES?

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17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL NEW FUNDING SOURCES.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** AND GOING BACK TO WHAT WE CAN OR CAN'T AFFORD, I  
20 MEAN, THAT'S THE PURPOSE, REALLY, OF MY MOTION TO MOVE THIS  
21 INTO A DESIGNATION ACCOUNT VERSUS A P.F.U. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,  
22 ALTHOUGH THIS IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MONETARY APPROACH TO THE  
23 HOMELESS ISSUE, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD GIVE ANYONE A FALSE  
24 HOPE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE ONGOING AT THAT PARTICULAR FUNDING  
25 LEVEL AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THE, YOU KNOW, THE 80 MILLION



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1 SHOULD BE MOVED TO A DESIGNATION ACCOUNT VERSUS A P.F.U.,  
2 BECAUSE A BUDGET UNIT MAKES IT LOOK AND PEOPLE THINK THAT  
3 THAT'S JUST GOING TO BE ONGOING AT THE \$80 MILLION LEVEL AND I  
4 DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S A REALITY BECAUSE, AS YOU JUST SAID,  
5 YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT WE CAN AFFORD. IT'S NOT A NUMBER YOU  
6 PICKED OUT OF THE SKY OR IT'S NOT A NUMBER THAT WOULD ANSWER  
7 THE PROBLEM. IT'S A NUMBER THAT BASICALLY WE CAN AFFORD. SO  
8 WILL THERE BE ANY LEVERAGE, THE ABILITY TO USE THESE DOLLARS  
9 TO LEVERAGE PROP 63 DOLLARS OR IS IT JUST STRAIGHT PROP 63  
10 HOMELESS DOLLARS? I MEAN...

11

12 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE THE  
13 DIFFERENT-- THE TWO FUNDING SOURCES AND A MULTIPLE OF OTHER  
14 FUNDING SOURCES AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK  
15 OUT THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. I'VE HAD A NUMBER OF  
16 CONVERSATIONS WITH DR. SOUTHARD ABOUT THAT. I MEAN, THE  
17 M.H.S.A. FUNDS HAVE CERTAIN CRITERIA ATTACHED TO THE PEOPLE  
18 THAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH BUT THERE SHOULD BE A WAY THAT WE CAN  
19 LEVERAGE...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK MARV WAS TRYING TO JUMP OVER THE WALL  
22 THERE. DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

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24 **LARI SHEEHAN:** I WOULD JUST ALSO LIKE TO ADD, WHILE DR.  
25 SOUTHARD'S COMING UP, THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH A CONSULTANT



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1 WHO HAS ALREADY PROVIDED AN INITIAL REPORT THAT YOUR STAFF HAS  
2 ON THE HOUSING FUND AND WILL BE HELPING US FURTHER IN TERMS OF  
3 DETERMINING HOW WE CAN BEST LEVERAGE THESE FUNDS. THIS IS  
4 SOMEONE WHO IS PRETTY WELL KNOWN IN THE BUSINESS SO IT'S...

5

6 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THERE WILL BE GREAT  
7 OPPORTUNITIES, I THINK, FOR LEVERAGING M.H.S.A. FUNDS FOR  
8 HOUSING PURPOSES. THE UNKNOWN FACTOR IS THAT THE STATE HAS NOT  
9 YET DETERMINED THE RULES FOR ALLOCATING THE BULK OF THE MONEY  
10 THAT WILL GO TO HOUSING, WHICH IS, IN THE OVERALL STATE PLAN,  
11 PART OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THERE ARE VARIOUS  
12 PLANS THAT THE STATE IS DETAILING FOR TAKING \$75 MILLION A  
13 YEAR FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS AND DOING A BONDING CAPACITY FOR  
14 HOUSING BUT THOSE PLANS HAVE NOT YET REACHED FRUITION, SO WE  
15 DON'T KNOW EXACTLY THE SHAPE IN WHICH THE MENTAL HEALTH  
16 SERVICES ACT HOUSING DOLLARS WILL REACH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
17 ANGELES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THEN  
22 SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I  
25 JUST WANT TO MAKE SOME GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT THIS AND I WANT



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1 TO COMMEND THE C.A.O.'S STAFF. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY COMMEND  
2 LARI SHEEHAN FOR ALL THE WORK SHE'S DONE ON THIS. THIS IS AN  
3 INCREDIBLE WORK PRODUCT AND IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME IN THE  
4 MAKING. AS MR. JANSSEN SAID, IT'S THE PRODUCT OF MOTIONS BY  
5 ALL OF US BUT OUR MOTIONS SOMETIMES AREN'T WORTH THE PAPER  
6 THEY'RE WRITTEN ON. WHEN THEY'RE TRANSLATED INTO SUBSTANCE,  
7 THEY BECOME WORTH SOMETHING AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENED  
8 HERE AND I THINK SHE'S TAKEN THIS BALL AND RUN WITH IT AND I  
9 WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR REALLY WHAT I BELIEVE IS A  
10 HISTORIC DOCUMENT, AN HISTORIC ENGAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE  
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THIS ISSUE. WHAT I THINK FRUSTRATES  
12 ALL OF US, AND CERTAINLY HAS FRUSTRATED ME FROM DAY ONE, AND  
13 I'M SURE IT FRUSTRATED OUR PREDECESSORS, ONE OF WHOM IS  
14 SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE, IS THAT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY WE  
15 SPEND ON THIS, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF  
16 MONEY, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY WE SPEND ON THIS, WE WILL NOT  
17 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. AND I KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT WE HAVE--  
18 ALL WANT TO HAVE THE CAN-DO ATTITUDE AND, YOU KNOW, WE CAN  
19 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BUT WE CAN'T. WE DIDN'T CREATE THE PROBLEM  
20 AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN  
21 30 YEARS IN THE MAKING IN THIS COUNTRY. IT STARTED WITH A  
22 NATIONAL POLICY THAT DID NOT VALUE PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE  
23 MARGINS OF THE ECONOMY AND THIS LET THEM TWIST. IT'S NOT AN  
24 ACCIDENT THAT, DURING THESES 25 OR 30 YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN AN  
25 INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EVERY METROPOLITAN AREA OF THE





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1 UNITED STATES LIVING ON THE STREETS. THIS WAS NOT AN ISSUE IN  
2 1975. WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED, HOMELESSNESS WAS NOT AN ISSUE.  
3 WE HAD A SKID ROW ISSUE, IT WAS MORE ASSOCIATED WITH  
4 ALCOHOLISM AND THAT SORT OF THING. IT WAS NOT-- THERE WAS NOT  
5 TENS OF THOUSANDS, THERE WEREN'T 90,000 PEOPLE LIVING ON THE  
6 STREETS OF LOS ANGELES AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIVING  
7 IN VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE UNITED  
8 STATES. SO I THINK WE NEED TO BE STRATEGIC AND THAT'S WHAT I  
9 LIKED ABOUT THIS PLAN THAT THE C.A.O. HAS CRAFTED WITH THE  
10 INPUT OF ALL OF OUR IDEAS IS THAT IT'S NOT ATTEMPTING, AS SOME  
11 HAVE SAID, TO SOLVE THE WHOLE PROBLEM. IT DOESN'T EVEN SET THE  
12 GOAL THAT WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THE WHOLE PROBLEM BECAUSE I  
13 THINK THAT DOES HOLD OUT FALSE HOPE AND IT'S A PREPOSTEROUS  
14 PLEDGE. IT'S ABSOLUTELY PREPOSTEROUS TO SAY IT BECAUSE IT  
15 CAN'T BE DONE ON THE BACKS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IT CAN'T EVEN  
16 BE DONE ON THE BACKS, I BELIEVE, OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT. THIS  
17 IS TOO BIG. SO WHAT THIS DOCUMENT IS IS STRATEGIC IN AN EFFORT  
18 TO-- AND MAYBE-- THIS IS MY INTERPRETATION OF THIS DOCUMENT,  
19 THIS IS ALMOST LIKE THE BIBLE, YOU CAN INTERPRET IT ANY WAY  
20 YOU WANT, BUT WHAT IT OFFERS US THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING IS TO  
21 BE STRATEGIC IN THE WAY WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. TO GO AFTER THE  
22 MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR HOMELESS POPULATIONS: KIDS. I KNOW THIS  
23 IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN-- MS. MOLINA HAS BEEN OBSESSING  
24 ABOUT, APPROPRIATELY, AND SO HAVE I. IT JUST DRIVES ME NUTS,  
25 AS I THINK IT DRIVES ALL OF US NUTS, THE NOTION THAT CHILDREN,



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1 YOUNG CHILDREN ARE SLEEPING ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES. I  
2 DON'T EVEN WANT TO SAY THIS BECAUSE IT WILL BE MISINTERPRETED  
3 BUT IT'S ONE THING FOR AN ADULT TO BE ON THE STREETS OF LOS  
4 ANGELES. NOT ONE OF US CAN STOMACH TO SEE A CHILD SUFFER AND A  
5 CHILD LIVING ON THE STREETS OF THIS CITY TONIGHT WITH A  
6 DRIVING RAINSTORM, WITH A TEMPERATURE IN THE HIGH 40S, IS MORE  
7 THAN SUFFERING. SO YOU'VE OFFERED-- THAT'S WHAT THE FAMILY-- I  
8 KEEP GETTING IT CONFUSED, THE FAMILY CENTER IN THE CENTRAL  
9 PART OF THE CITY-- OF THE COUNTY IS AIMED AT, IS TO-- ASIDE  
10 FROM THE STABILIZATION CENTER, THIS IS ONE CENTER WHICH IS  
11 DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF FAMILIES WITH  
12 CHILDREN WHO ARE ON THE STREETS OF L.A. AND, PRIMARILY, LET'S  
13 FACE IT, PRIMARILY IN DOWNTOWN L.A. YOU KNOW, ALTHOUGH THEY'RE  
14 EVERYWHERE, THE CONCENTRATION IS MUCH GREATER-- IS GREATER  
15 THERE THAN IN ANY OTHER SINGLE PLACE. SO I THINK THAT'S A VERY  
16 IMPORTANT THING. IT'S A STRATEGIC MOVE. YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL  
17 BUT AT LEAST LET'S FOCUS ON THAT VULNERABLE POPULATION. AND I  
18 THINK, FROM THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE, THAT THE COURTS, THE  
19 HOMELESS COURTS ARE OF VALUE, YOU'VE LAID OUT NOT A PLAN WHERE  
20 WE'RE GOING TO FUND HOMELESS COURTS AD INFINITUM ALL OVER THE  
21 PLACE BUT WE'VE SET UP A FRAMEWORK, WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO  
22 FUND, FOR AT LEAST A BEGINNING, A ROVING HOMELESS COURT, WHICH  
23 WOULD DOVETAIL WITH THE STABILIZATION CENTERS, AS I UNDERSTAND  
24 IT, AND, IN SO DOING, AT LEAST JUMPSTART THE CONCEPT OF A  
25 HOMELESS COURT. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW THE GROUP



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1 THAT WENT TO NEW YORK SAW. THEY DIDN'T NEED TO GO TO NEW YORK  
2 TO SEE THAT. WE KNOW THE DRUG COURT WORKS HERE AND THE  
3 HOMELESS COURT IS ANOTHER PEA IN THAT POD AND IT CAN WORK. SO  
4 YOU'VE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THAT. THAT'S RELATIVELY  
5 INEXPENSIVE IN THIS WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS. IT'S A VERY SMALL  
6 PART OF WHAT YOU'RE OUTLINING HERE IN YOUR HUNDRED MILLION  
7 DOLLAR PROGRAM IS FOR THE ROVING HOMELESS COURTS. THE OTHER  
8 THING IS THAT WE DO NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE 88 CITIES  
9 IN THIS COUNTY AND, WHILE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS THE  
10 BIGGEST CHALLENGE AS IT RELATES TO THE HOMELESS, THEY'RE THE  
11 BIGGEST CITY IN THE COUNTY, THERE ARE OTHER CITIES AROUND THE  
12 COUNTY AND SOMEBODY JUST HANDED US THIS COLOR-CODED MAP. THERE  
13 ARE POCKETS OF SERIOUS HOMELESS POPULATIONS ALL OVER THE  
14 COUNTY AND WE OUGHT TO RECOGNIZE THAT AND WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT  
15 AND THIS DOCUMENT RECOGNIZES THAT. I'M NOT AS FOCUSED ON  
16 HAVING ONE STABILIZATION CENTER IN EACH DISTRICT AND I'M NOT  
17 SURE THAT'S THE WAY YOU WROTE IT, MAYBE IT IS. I CERTAINLY--  
18 IF THERE ARE TWO IN ONE DISTRICT AND NONE IN ANOTHER BECAUSE  
19 THERE'S NO PROBLEM OF COMMENSURATE EXTENT IN ONE BUT THERE'S A  
20 BIG PROBLEM IN ANOTHER, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM. THIS IS A VERY  
21 FUNNY SITUATION. NORMALLY, WE FIGHT LIKE CRAZY OVER MONEY, YOU  
22 KNOW, WE WANT TO GET OUR SHARE OF THE MONEY BUT, WHEN IT COMES  
23 TO THIS ISSUE, WHILE WE DON'T WANT TO NOT HAVE OUR SHARE OF  
24 THE MONEY, WE'RE NOT REALLY ANXIOUS TO SPEND OUR SHARE OF THE  
25 MONEY AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED TO BE CLEAR. CERTAINLY



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1 WE'RE GOING TO SPEND IT IN MY PART OF TOWN AND I CAN GIVE YOU  
2 TWO PLACES IN THIS PART OF TOWN WHERE WE COULD SPEND IT BUT I  
3 DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IS  
4 MUCH MORE ACUTE-- I MEAN, IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE SPEND IT IN  
5 ONE STABILIZATION CENTER BUT THERE ARE OTHER AREAS WHERE YOU  
6 NEED TO REALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE, THE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE,  
7 AND UNTIL WE GET THEM INTO A STABILIZATION CENTER, TRANSITION  
8 THEM, GET THEM INTO SOME KIND OF A WRAPAROUND SERVICE AND, AS  
9 I CALL IT, TRIAGE THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL, TRIAGE THEM, SEE  
10 WHAT THEY NEED, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A PROCESSING  
11 CENTER THAT IS MORE THAN A PROCESSING CENTER THAT WILL  
12 IDENTIFY AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO. NOW,  
13 THAT'S WHAT I THINK THIS PLAN DOES. AND THEN IT DOES A LOT  
14 MORE AND I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE THING. BUT I  
15 THINK THOSE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT,  
16 YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE CHANCE TO DO THIS BECAUSE  
17 THESE FUNDS, FIRST OF ALL, MOST OF THEM ARE ONE-TIME FUNDS  
18 AND, AGAIN, THEY'RE BEING TARGETED TO BE SPENT STRATEGICALLY  
19 AND THERE ARE SOME ONGOING FUNDS BUT THEY AREN'T THE BIGGEST  
20 PART OF THESE-- OF THESE FUNDS AND HOPEFULLY-- AND WHAT I HOPE  
21 WILL HAPPEN IS THAT, WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY, THE CITY  
22 OF LOS ANGELES FOR SURE, AND I THINK THEY'RE STEPPING UP TO  
23 THE PLATE, SANTA MONICA CERTAINLY IS-- HAS WRITTEN THE BOOK ON  
24 THIS ISSUE LONG BEFORE IT WAS A NEWSPAPER STORY, SANTA MONICA  
25 WAS AT THE CUTTING EDGE, MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF SOME OF THEIR



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1 OWN CONSTITUENTS VERY OFTEN, BUT THERE ARE OTHER CITIES AND  
2 OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY, YOU CAN JUST LOOK AT THIS  
3 MAP, THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP. AND WHAT I SEE US  
4 DOING, OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS TO-- IS THE HUMAN SERVICE PIECE.  
5 WE DIDN'T HAVE TO PUT \$80 MILLION INTO HOUSING. WE COULD PUT  
6 IT IN FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BE VERY PAROCHIAL ABOUT IT.  
7 YOU WEREN'T BEING PAROCHIAL ABOUT IT. WE'RE STEPPING UP-- WE  
8 WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH-- IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE DEFENSIBLE  
9 FOR US TO TAKE 80 MILLION OR 100 MILLION AND PUT IT INTO  
10 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OR, YOU KNOW, EVEN MORE MENTAL  
11 HEALTH AND I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH IS RIGHT ABOUT THE QUESTIONS  
12 HE HAS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND I THINK THE FUNDS ARE THERE AND  
13 WE JUST NEED TO DO IT RIGHT. BUT THE-- BUT WE'RE PUTTING--  
14 WE'RE INVESTING A GOOD CHUNK OF MONEY IN HOUSING, IN SHELTER,  
15 IN HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THE  
16 WHOLE NINE YARDS. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE VERY MUCH BECAUSE 100  
17 MILLION DOESN'T GO VERY FAR IN THIS MARKET BUT, NEVERTHELESS,  
18 IT'S THERE. THE THING THAT I THINK WE SHOULD FOCUS ON IS THE  
19 LEVERAGE PIECE, THAT WE'RE LEVERAGING OUR DOLLARS WITH OTHER  
20 PEOPLE'S DOLLARS, WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS' DOLLARS, TO CREATE  
21 A HOLE THAT IS BIGGER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS AND I REALLY  
22 THINK THAT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT EXISTS HERE THAT HAS NEVER  
23 EXISTED BEFORE. AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY, SPEAKING OF  
24 THINGS BEFORE. I'M AMAZED, I DON'T KNOW WHO HAS BEEN SPINNING  
25 IN ANYBODY ABOUT THE-- YOU KNOW, WE'RE BACK TO THE OLD WAYS,



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1 THE COUNTY AND THE CITY FIGHTING. THE COUNTY AND THE CITY ARE  
2 GOING TO HAVE DISAGREEMENTS. I WOULD HOPE WE'D HAVE  
3 CONSTRUCTIVE DISAGREEMENTS BECAUSE NOBODY HAS GOT A MONOPOLY  
4 ON WISDOM. BUT TO COMPARE THIS TO WHAT WAS GOING ON 20 YEARS  
5 AGO WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL, WHEN WE SUED THIS COUNTY,  
6 WE DIDN'T SUE THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO SPEND \$100  
7 MILLION; WE SUED THE MONEY-- THE COUNTY BECAUSE THE COUNTY  
8 TURNED ITS BACK ON THIS PROBLEM AND THIS IS...

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS THE CITY'S VIEW.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS THE CITY'S VIEW, THAT'S CORRECT.  
13 AND I THINK TWO OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THE CITY AT THE TIME  
14 ARE SITTING ON THIS BOARD TODAY. BUT THIS DOES NOT BEAR ANY  
15 RESEMBLANCE TO THAT. ON THE CONTRARY. ON THE CONTRARY. THE  
16 COUNTY IS PUTTING, AS MR. ANTONOVICH CORRECTLY POINTED OUT,  
17 OVER A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN GENERAL FUND MONEY. THIS  
18 DOESN'T INCLUDE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN IN MENTAL HEALTH  
19 MONEY AND IN FUNDS WE GET THROUGH THE FEDERAL AND STATE  
20 GOVERNMENT FOR CHILD WELFARE PURPOSES AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT  
21 WE MAY BE ABLE TO COBBLE TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE SERVICE  
22 ISSUES BUT THIS IS JUST-- THE NEW MONEY IN THIS PLAN IS  
23 GENERAL FUND MONEY AND, YES, WE HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES,  
24 CERTAINLY, WE HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES; PARKS, LIBRARIES, LAW  
25 ENFORCEMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HOMELESS, AND HOMELESS IS A





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1 PRIORITY. I DON'T KNOW WHERE SOME OF-- WELL, I'LL SPEAK FOR  
2 MYSELF. I FIND IT REPREHENSIBLE THAT A COUNTRY AND A SOCIETY  
3 THIS RICH TOLERATES THIS LEVEL OF ABJECT POVERTY AND NOT--  
4 NONQUALITY OF LIFE. IT'S JUST-- TO ME, IT'S MIND BOGGLING. NO  
5 CIVILIZED SOCIETY WOULD ALLOW THIS TO GO ON AND NO CIVILIZED  
6 SOCIETY WOULD ASK ITS CITY OR ITS COUNTY TO SOLVE A NATIONAL  
7 PROBLEM, YET WE'RE NOT CONTENT TO JUST SIT HERE AND SAY IT'S  
8 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEM. WE'RE WILLING TO STEP  
9 FORWARD, STEP UP AND PUT OUR MONEY, AND A LOT OF IT, WHERE OUR  
10 MOUTHS ARE. AND I THINK, RATHER THAN FOCUS ON THE DIFFERENCES  
11 THAT EXISTED 20 YEARS AGO, THAT IT OUGHT TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR  
12 WHAT IT IS, ABSOLUTELY UNPRECEDENTED, HISTORIC INVESTMENT BY  
13 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IF WE APPROVE THIS, IN AN ISSUE  
14 THAT HISTORICALLY ALL OF US IN GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL, STATE AND  
15 LOCAL, HAVE CHOSEN TO TURN OUR EYES AWAY FROM. SO, DAVID, I  
16 WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR STAFF, ESPECIALLY LARI, FOR  
17 BRINGING THIS TOGETHER. WE CAN PICK IT APART ONE SENTENCE AT A  
18 TIME. WE'RE ALL CAPABLE AND QUALIFIED TO DO THAT. BUT LET'S  
19 NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE BIG PICTURE HERE. THE BIG PICTURE IS  
20 WE'VE GOT SOME-- WE'VE GOT SOME MOMENTUM POLITICALLY TO DO  
21 SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, WE'VE GOT SOME MONEY TO ATTACH TO THAT  
22 POLITICAL MOMENTUM AND IT MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL NOT  
23 PASS OUR WAY AGAIN IN OUR POLITICAL LIFETIME. SO I REALLY--  
24 YOU KNOW, THE KEY NOW, I EXPECT THAT WE'RE GOING TO APPROVE  
25 THIS IN SOME ITERATION, I THINK THE KEY NOW IS GOING TO BE THE



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1 EXECUTION AND I'M NOT ONE TO SAY, YOU KNOW, SPEND IT QUICKLY,  
2 GET IT OUT THE DOOR BECAUSE, IF YOU DON'T GET IT OUT THE DOOR,  
3 IT'S GOING TO LOOK BAD, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SPENT MOST OF THE  
4 MONEY WE ALLOCATED LAST YEAR. I'D RATHER NOT SPEND THE MONEY  
5 THAN SPEND IT IN A HURRY AND SPEND IT WRONG, BECAUSE YOU ONLY  
6 HAVE ONE SHOT TO DO THIS. NOW I THINK A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN  
7 DONE, A LOT OF PREPARATORY WORK HAS BEEN DONE AS TO HOW WE'RE  
8 GOING TO LEVERAGE THIS AND, YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING TO THE  
9 CITY ABOUT PROJECTS IN THE CITY, WE'RE TALKING TO SOME OF THE  
10 OTHER CITIES ABOUT PROJECTS THAT WE CAN PARTNER WITH AND,  
11 HOPEFULLY, WE'LL HAVE A PROBLEM ONE DAY SOON WHERE WE'LL HAVE  
12 TOO MANY PROJECTS AND NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR THEM. RIGHT NOW,  
13 THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM BUT I EXPECT THAT THAT WILL SOON  
14 REVERSE ITSELF. AND THEN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IF IT'S IN A  
15 1,000 PEOPLE'S LIVES, IF IT'S IN 10,000 PEOPLE'S LIVES, THAT'S  
16 A BEGINNING. WE'RE NOT GOING TO SOLVE IT BUT AT LEAST WE'VE  
17 STARTED AND AT LEAST WE'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE. AND IF WE CAN  
18 MAKE THIS A LABORATORY FOR THE RIGHT WAY TO ADDRESS THIS  
19 PROBLEM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, MAYBE WE CAN TAKE THIS SHOW ON  
20 THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON AND ASK THEM TO HELP FUND IT, NOT ONLY  
21 HERE BUT IN OTHER COMMUNITIES. I WAS JUST IN INDIANAPOLIS OVER  
22 THE WEEKEND FOR AN EVENT RELATING TO MY ALMA MATER AND THEY  
23 ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED, TOO, EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T TURN OUT  
24 REAL WELL. LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, IT'S NOT A PRETTY  
25 PICTURE IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AND IT WAS COLD. IT WAS IN



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1 THE 30S LAST NIGHT. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR HOMELESS PLAN  
2 IS BUT THEY'VE GOT HOMELESS LIVING ON THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN  
3 INDIANAPOLIS IN 30-DEGREE WEATHER AND WORSE. I DIDN'T SEE  
4 THEIR YEAR-ROUND SHELTERS, I DIDN'T SEE THEIR HUNDRED MILLION  
5 DOLLARS OR WHATEVER THE PERCENTAGE IS, I DIDN'T SEE THEIR  
6 STABILIZATION CENTERS, I DIDN'T SEE A HOMELESS COURT. BUT I  
7 DID SEE, AS WE SEE IN MANY CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, THIS  
8 KIND OF A SITUATION. WELL, AT LEAST WE'RE GOING TO-- AND I  
9 KNOW EVERYBODY HERE IS COMMITTED TO IT, YOU KNOW, FROM  
10 DIFFERENT ANGLES BUT WE'RE ALL COMMITTED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT  
11 IT. AND I THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO MOVE AND I THINK WE'RE  
12 ALL ANXIOUS AND I THINK THE COMMUNITY IS ANXIOUS FOR US TO  
13 MOVE AND WE WILL HAVE PARTNERS. WE'RE LOOKING FOR PARTNERS AND  
14 WE WILL HAVE PARTNERS AND, AS I SAID TO THE MAYOR'S  
15 REPRESENTATIVE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, COME TO US WITH A PLAN,  
16 WITH A PROJECT. I'VE SAID IT TO THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, I'VE  
17 SAID IT TO COMMUNITIES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, COME TO US  
18 WITH A PLAN. WE MAY HAVE-- WE MAY HAVE MONEY TO SPEND. SO  
19 DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING OR NOT DOING. WE'RE  
20 DOING A LOT. COME TO US WITH A PLAN. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO  
21 SPEND THE MONEY IN A CONSTRUCTIVE, STRATEGIC WAY TO ADDRESS  
22 THIS ISSUE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** YES. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ISSUES I'D LIKE TO TALK  
2   ABOUT. I DO WANT TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING, FIRST OF ALL, OF THE  
3   PROCESS OF HOW FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED? I SEE SUPERVISOR  
4   KNABE'S MOTION HERE THAT IT WOULD NOT GO INTO A NEW BUDGET  
5   UNIT AND WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IS TO GET SOME  
6   UNDERSTANDING OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PARTS OF THIS  
7   PROGRAM AND HOW THOSE FUNDS WILL BE DETERMINED WHERE-- WITHIN  
8   THE PROGRAM THEY WILL GO AND HOW MUCH AND WILL IT BE ON A  
9   PERCENTAGE BASIS, WILL IT BE ON AN-- WE KNOW IT WILL NEVER BE  
10   ON AS NEEDED BECAUSE THE NEED IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN WHAT WE  
11   HAVE TO WORK WITH BUT MY FIRST QUESTION IS THAT THE FUND THAT  
12   YOU-- WHEN YOU SAY A DESIGNATED ACCOUNT, DOES THAT MEAN, IN  
13   ORDER FOR ANY FUNDS TO BE SPENT OUT OF THAT, IT WILL TAKE FOUR  
14   VOTES? OR IS THIS A 3-VOTE ITEM?

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16   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
17   THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION WOULD MAKE IT A 4-VOTE ITEM TO  
18   TAKE ANY OF THE \$80 MILLION OUT OF THE FUND.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** AND I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT A 4-VOTE ITEM.  
21   MOSTLY BECAUSE LET'S SAY IT'S A HOUSING ISSUE AND IT'S A  
22   MATTER OF A MAJOR HOUSING PROGRAM AND WE DO GET INTO THESE  
23   ISSUES OF WHO IS GETTING HOW MUCH IN EACH DISTRICT. THERE'S NO  
24   QUESTION ABOUT THAT. I WOULD HOPE THAT, ULTIMATELY, IT WOULD  
25   BE IN SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE A 3-VOTE ITEM BUT ALSO THAT WE



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1 WOULD HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT AMOUNT IS BEING ALLOCATED TO  
2 HOUSING AND WHETHER OR NOT IT'S JUST HOMELESS HOUSING OR IF  
3 IT'S OTHER PARTS OF HOUSING. I'VE HEARD SOME PEOPLE TALK ABOUT  
4 EXPANDING THE INDUSTRY PROGRAM. WELL, THAT INDUSTRY PROGRAM  
5 HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS TO COME OUT OF  
6 IT, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE 15-MILE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF  
7 DESIGNATION OF GETTING PROGRAMS THAT CAN MEET-- THAT WE CAN  
8 MAKE A MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN OR THAT WE CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL  
9 CONTRIBUTION. AND I WOULD JUST ASK THAT, BEFORE WE MAKE A  
10 ABSOLUTE DECISION THIS IS GOING TO BE A 4-VOTE ITEM, THAT WE  
11 GET SOME IDEA OF HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED BETWEEN  
12 VARIOUS PROGRAMS WITHIN THIS, PARTICULARLY THE HOUSING. THAT'S  
13 THE REASON THAT I REALLY HAVE THAT QUESTION. AND IF WE COULD  
14 GET SOME-- IF I COULD GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT-- HOW THIS 80  
15 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED IN TERMS OF FROM ONE PART TO THE  
16 OTHER OF ALL OF THESE THINGS, THE COURT, THE HOUSING CENTER,  
17 THE FAMILY ACCESS CENTER, WILL THERE BE SOME REVIEW OF THIS TO  
18 DETERMINE SOME ALLOCATIONS OR WILL IT BE PROJECT-BY-PROJECT?  
19 THERE'S SOME VERY AMBITIOUS PROJECTS THAT PEOPLE ARE PROPOSING  
20 WITHIN LOS ANGELES AND WILL WE THEN BE VOTING ON THESE KINDS  
21 OF PROJECTS AND HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING INTO EACH  
22 ONE? AND HOW WILL THEY COME BEFORE US? THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS  
23 THAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER.  
24



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MOTION IS TO DO THAT,  
2   TO ASK THEM TO COME BACK WITH THE ALLOCATIONS, ISN'T THAT  
3   CORRECT? SPEND IT.

4

5   **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FIRST OF ALL, THE  
6   HOMELESS-- THE HOMELESS COURT AND THE STABILIZATION CENTERS  
7   AND THE FAMILY ACCESS CENTER, THOSE ARE ALL PART OF THE  
8   ONGOING, THE \$15 MILLION WORTH OF ONGOING PLUS 15 SO THE 80  
9   MILLION, WE WILL NEED TO COME BACK WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
10   FOR YOU ABOUT HOW WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU DIVIDE THOSE  
11   FUNDS BETWEEN HOMELESS PROGRAMS, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,  
12   TRANSITIONAL TO PERMANENT, HOW YOU MIGHT USE IT FOR LOW,  
13   MODERATE INCOME HOUSING, TO GENERATE SOME DEVELOPERS COMING  
14   FORWARD WITH SOME PROJECTS AND HELP THEM OUT SO THERE ARE ANY  
15   NUMBER OF WAYS THOSE FUNDS COULD BE USED AND WE WILL NEED TO  
16   COME BACK WITH A PLAN. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE IS RIGHT, THAT IS  
17   THE PLAN IS THAT WE WILL COME BACK WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
18   FOR YOU.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** AND, IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE THAT DECISION, IT  
21   WILL TAKE FOUR VOTES ON EACH ONE OF THEM?

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23   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF YOU ADOPT HIS MOTION.

24

25   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NOT ON THE REGULAR ONE. ONLY... (OFF-MIKE)





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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT MY CONCERN IS.

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF YOU ADOPT HIS MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** ONLY-- ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE I REALLY THINK THAT  
7 WE'VE ALREADY SEEN PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT  
8 THERE'S SOME PEOPLE WHO YOU CAN'T HELP, WHICH WE ALL KNOW  
9 THAT, YOU KNOW? THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO HAVE A  
10 BLANKET OVER THEIR HEADS BUT THEY'RE NOT A DANGER TO  
11 THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. IF THEY'RE A DANGERS TO THEMSELVES OR  
12 OTHERS, WE CAN MOVE THEM INTO-- MENTAL HEALTH CAN COME IN,  
13 THEY CAN SEND OUT THE PET TEAM, THEY CAN PICK THEM UP, THEY  
14 CAN TAKE THEM SOMEWHERE BUT IF THEY'RE NOT A DANGER TO  
15 THEMSELVES OR TO OTHERS, YOU KNOW, WE ALL AGREED TO THAT AND  
16 WE VOTED ON IT. YOU WERE NOT IN SACRAMENTO WHEN WE VOTED ON IT  
17 BUT I KNOW I WAS THERE WHEN WE VOTED ON IT AND EVERYBODY  
18 THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING A GOOD THING BUT THEY ALSO THOUGHT  
19 THERE WOULD BE SOME OF THESE PLACES PEOPLE COULD GO AND NO ONE  
20 THOUGHT ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE WHO WOULD  
21 SAY, "I WON'T GO." THE FEELING WAS THAT EVERYONE WOULD WANT TO  
22 GET HELP, THAT EVERYONE WOULD WANT TO HAVE FACILITIES AND ALSO  
23 THE SITUATION WAS SO MUCH DIFFERENT. TODAY, YOU DO HAVE THE  
24 MEDS THAT PEOPLE CAN TAKE THAT CAN CHANGE THEM IF THEY AGREE  
25 TO TAKE THE MEDS. AT THAT TIME, YOU DID NOT NECESSARILY HAVE



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1 THE WIDE VARIETY OF MEDICINES THAT WERE AVAILABLE THAT MIGHT  
2 AMELIORATE A PERSON'S CONDITION. SO, IF THEY WERE ONCE  
3 DANGEROUS TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS, THEY WERE PROBABLY GOING TO  
4 STAY DANGEROUS TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. IT COULD BE JUST A  
5 PILL THAT THEY TOOK THAT MIGHT CHANGE THEIR ABILITY TO COPE  
6 WITH THEIR PROBLEMS AND THE ISSUES THAT THEY HAD. SO I THINK  
7 THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT IN MOVING INTO A DIRECTION OF WHERE  
8 PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SOMETHING THAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS.  
9 NOW, THE OTHER THING THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS A CATEGORY OF  
10 PERSON AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE FAMILY YOU SAW ON SKID ROW  
11 THAT HAD THE TWO GIRLS, WHETHER THESE WERE PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST  
12 BEEN EVICTED BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T PAY THEIR RENT OR WHETHER  
13 THEY CAME TO LOS ANGELES AND JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO SO  
14 THEY WENT TO SKID ROW. I GOT A LETTER THE OTHER DAY FROM A  
15 WOMAN WHO SAYS THAT SHE HAD WRITTEN TO ME BECAUSE SHE WAS  
16 TRYING TO GET A JOB. FORTUNATELY, WE WERE ABLE TO RECOMMEND TO  
17 HER HOW SHE COULD GET A JOB BUT SHE SAID, "I'M STILL  
18 HOMELESS." AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOBS WHO ARE  
19 HOMELESS, THEY CAN'T EITHER GET THE DEPOSIT, THEY CAN'T  
20 QUALIFY FOR SECTION 8 AND THAT'S ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I  
21 WONDER ABOUT. HOW YOU MOVE IN TO SECTION 8 AS HOMELESS, ARE  
22 YOU GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THE THREE MONTHS, ARE YOU GOING TO  
23 BE IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE? AND SO I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT  
24 CATEGORY OF PERSON WHO MAY HAVE CHILDREN, WAS EVICTED BECAUSE  
25 THEY COULDN'T PAY THEIR RENT, SOMETIMES BECAUSE THEY WERE OUT



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1 OF WORK FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND THEY DID NOT HAVE THE  
2 ABILITY TO CARRY THEMSELVES OVER, AND I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT  
3 THEIR CHILDREN AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEIR CHILDREN. AND I'D  
4 LIKE TO ASK-- I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK DR. SANDERS TO COME UP  
5 OR SOMEONE TO GIVE ME SOME IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM AND  
6 THEIR CHILDREN AND WHAT KIND OF A RISK ASSESSMENT THEY WILL GO  
7 THROUGH.

8

9 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, COULD YOU REPEAT THE  
10 QUESTION?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, MY QUESTION IS, AND I WON'T GO OVER  
13 THE WHOLE THING. THIS PERSON HAS BEEN OUT OF WORK, THEY  
14 COULDN'T PAY THEIR RENT, THEY'VE BEEN EVICTED, THEY HAVE TWO  
15 CHILDREN, AND THEY CAME TO HOMELESS SHELTERS BECAUSE THEY'RE  
16 LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE. THE QUESTION, THEY MAY OR MAY NOT  
17 QUALIFY FOR SECTION 8. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY WANT TO GO INTO A  
18 FAMILY CENTER WHERE THEY CAN BE SURE THAT THEY ARE SAFE, THEIR  
19 CHILDREN ARE SAFE, AND I'M TRYING TO GET SOME UNDERSTANDING OF  
20 WHAT YOU MEAN BY A CHILD RISK ASSESSMENT THAT THAT PERSON--  
21 THAT THAT FAMILY GOES THROUGH.

22

23 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, GENERALLY THIS WOULD-- WE  
24 WOULD ASSESS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. ONE OF THE FIRST AREAS  
25 THAT WE'LL LOOK AT IS, IS THE FAMILY WILLING TO ENGAGE IN



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1 SERVICES? ARE THEY REFUSING ALL SERVICES OR ARE THEY WILLING  
2 TO ENGAGE IN SERVICES? IF THEY ARE ENGAGING IN SERVICES, WE  
3 WILL GENERALLY SUPPORT THEM IN THAT DIRECTION. IF THEY'RE  
4 REFUSING SERVICES, THEN THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY TRIGGER AN  
5 INVESTIGATION BY OUR DEPARTMENT ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO CARE  
6 FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT KIND OF SERVICES? YOU MEAN SERVICES TO GET A  
9 PLACE TO LIVE?

10

11 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SERVICES THAT WOULD  
12 ADDRESS THE LACK OF SHELTER.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD  
15 ALL EXPECT THEM TO DO. CERTAINLY, IF A PARENT HAS ANY CONCERNS  
16 OR IF THE CHILD NEEDS PARTICULAR TUTORING SERVICE OR WHATEVER,  
17 IT'S THOSE THINGS WE WOULD EXPECT. I JUST WANT TO REALLY BE  
18 SURE THAT ANY FAMILY THAT PRESENTS THEMSELVES WILL NOT  
19 AUTOMATICALLY BE REFERRED TO THE COURT BECAUSE THEY ARE  
20 HOMELESS. IT BOTHERS ME THAT A PERSON GETS ON THEIR BAD LUCK,  
21 THAT IMMEDIATELY THEIR CHILDREN WOULD HAVE TO GO TO-- THROUGH  
22 YOUR DEPARTMENT AND WOULD BE CATEGORIZED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW IT'S PROHIBITED AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO  
2   MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS IT'S PROHIBITED, AND THAT WHAT  
3   WE'RE DOING IS GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COMPLY WITH STATE  
4   LAW. IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE-- IF A FAMILY IS  
7   ENGAGED IN SERVICES, IT WOULD NOT TRIGGER AN INVESTIGATION BY  
8   OUR DEPARTMENT. THE CONCERN WOULD BE IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO  
9   PROVIDE SHELTER AND THEY HAVE CHOSEN, FOR WHATEVER REASON, NOT  
10   TO ENGAGE IN ANY SERVICES, THAT MIGHT...

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** IF WE OFFER THEM SERVICES AND THEY ACCEPT THOSE  
13   SERVICES, THEN THAT WOULD NOT TRIGGER ANYTHING?

14

15   **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER  
16   CONDITIONS, YES, THAT WOULD...

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** OBVIOUSLY, IF THEY HAVE A DRUG PROBLEM, IF THEY'VE  
19   BEATEN THE CHILD UP, THOSE ARE ISSUES THAT WE ALL ACCEPT. BUT  
20   OUR COUNTY COUNSEL DOES ACCEPT WHAT STATE LAW IS, RIGHT? OKAY.  
21   THAT WAS ONE OF MY ISSUES THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT. AND ALSO,  
22   OF COURSE, ONE OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO SEE IS A TEMPORARY,  
23   WHERE THEY CAN COME IN, LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN DURING THE DAY  
24   AND THAT THERE BE SOME CENTERS. NOW, LET ME ALSO GET TO THE  
25   ISSUE IN TERMS OF ALLOCATION BETWEEN DISTRICTS. WILL THERE BE-



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1 - WHO IS GOING TO DETERMINE WHERE THE LOCATION WILL BE OF THE  
2 FACILITIES? WILL THAT BE ON THE BASIS OF THOSE WHO COME  
3 FORWARD AND OFFER A PROJECT? FAMILY ACCESS CENTER, YES.

4

5 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WELL, THE FAMILY ACCESS CENTER, THE PROPOSAL  
6 HERE IS THAT THIS WOULD BE-- ONE WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE  
7 DOWNTOWN AREA TO DEAL WITH THE SKID ROW POPULATION INITIALLY  
8 BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE THE HEAVIEST CONCENTRATION OF  
9 FAMILIES AT THE CURRENT TIME. IF IT WORKS, THEN WE'D HAVE TO  
10 COME BACK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO POTENTIALLY LOCATE FAMILY  
11 ACCESS CENTERS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY WHERE THERE ARE  
12 CONCENTRATIONS OF HOMELESS FAMILIES.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. BUT THE OTHER CENTERS IN TERMS OF  
15 HOUSING AND OTHER FACILITIES...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU MEAN THE STABILIZATION...

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19 **LARI SHEEHAN:** THE STABILIZATION CENTERS...

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** CENTERS WILL BE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

22

23 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WE HAVE FUNDING FOR FIVE OF THEM. AS SUPERVISOR  
24 YAROSLAVSKY HAS INDICATED, WE NEED TO WORK WITH THE BOARD AND  
25 WITH THE COMMUNITIES TO DETERMINE WHERE IS THE BEST LOCATION





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1 FOR THOSE, GIVEN THE CONCENTRATION, AND THEY ARE TO DEAL WITH  
2 JAIL INMATES WHO ARE BEING RELEASED WHO ARE HOMELESS AND  
3 HOSPITALS WHO ARE DISCHARGING PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND AS  
4 WELL, POTENTIALLY, TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE PICKED--  
5 HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO ARE PICKED UP FOR THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE  
6 TYPES OF MISDEMEANORS THAT REALLY NEED SERVICES SO THAT THEY  
7 CAN TRY TO GET THEM OFF THE STREET. THE LOCATIONS OF THOSE IS  
8 GOING TO HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES AND  
9 WITH THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THAT...

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I KNOW THOSE ARE DIFFICULT TO PLACE. I MEAN,  
12 BELIEVE ME, LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES DON'T WANT THEM ANY MORE  
13 THAN UPPER INCOME COMMUNITIES. IT'S NOT A MATTER THAT IT'S  
14 JUST SUBURBIA DOESN'T WANT THEM. I MEAN, WHEN YOU COME INTO MY  
15 DISTRICT, THEY'RE UPSET, TOO, BUT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM  
16 AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT A PLACE THAT HAS MINIMUM IMPACT ON THE  
17 COMMUNITY BUT IT'S NECESSARY. I WAS FORTUNATE THAT, WHEN THEY  
18 WERE DROPPING PEOPLE OFF AT THE PARK, THAT A CHURCH CAME  
19 FORWARD AND SET UP A FACILITY SO THAT, INSTEAD OF DROPPING OFF  
20 THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE LEAVING THE OVERNIGHT CENTERS, THE  
21 WEATHER CENTERS, THAT, WHEN THEY WERE LEFT, THAT THEY WOULDN'T  
22 ALL GO TO ONE PARK WHERE THEY WERE IMPACTING THAT PARK, A  
23 CHURCH CAME FORWARD AND SET UP A CENTER WHERE PEOPLE COULD SIT  
24 ALL DAY BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO SIT SOMEWHERE AND IT'S BETTER TO  
25 BE SITTING IN SOME KIND OF FACILITY THAN WALKING THE STREET OR



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1 UNDER A BRIDGE OR SOMETHING AND, TOO, YOU GO TO THE  
2 WEATHERIZATION PLACE OR TO THE HOTEL. BASICALLY, THOSE ARE MY  
3 QUESTIONS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT AND  
8 THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF IT AND I THINK WE'RE JUST BARELY  
9 BEGINNING TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE. I KNOW THAT, LARI, YOU'VE  
10 DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. I KNOW MY STAFF HAS SHARED WITH ME  
11 THAT THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK TO BE DO AND WE APPRECIATE  
12 THE EFFORT THAT YOU'VE PUT IN. I KNOW DAVID HAS CARED A LOT  
13 ABOUT THIS AND HAS GONE OUT THERE. IT'S A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE.  
14 AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS RIGHT, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE  
15 ALL WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND ALL CONTRIBUTED TO IT AND ALL  
16 WERE-- EQUALLY CAN SAY THAT WE DIDN'T CREATE EVERY ASPECT OF  
17 IT BUT, HISTORICALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK TOO FAR BUT IT'S  
18 BEEN PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO A GOOD JOB TO RESOLVE  
19 THESE ISSUES THAT HAVE CREATED THE PROBLEMS. THAT'S BASICALLY  
20 BOTTOM LINE. JERRY BROWN SAID TO US, AS A GOVERNOR, WHAT,  
21 THREE DECADES AGO? "LET'S NOT INSTITUTIONALIZE. MANY OF THESE  
22 PEOPLE IN OUR INSTITUTIONS HAVE MANY PEOPLE THAT SHOULD NOT BE  
23 INSTITUTIONALIZED. LET'S CREATE A COMMUNITY-BASED NETWORK OF  
24 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES SO THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR COMMUNITIES" AND STARTED CREATING A



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1 MECHANISM ELIMINATE THOSE KINDS OF INSTITUTIONS.  
2 UNFORTUNATELY, WE NEVER HAD BECAUSE OF THE VERY SAME ISSUES  
3 THAT WE'RE FACING TODAY, THE ABILITY TO BUILD THOSE FACILITIES  
4 IN THE COMMUNITY. WHY NOT? BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE COMMUNITY DID  
5 NOT WANT TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN  
6 THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. THAT WAS IT. THEY NEVER HAPPENED. LOCAL  
7 GOVERNMENT WAS AT FAULT, ALL OF US WERE AT FAULT AND SO NOW  
8 WHAT YOU HAVE IS YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WALK THE  
9 STREETS EVERY SINGLE DAY AND IT'S SO SAD. THERE'S A WOMAN OUT  
10 THERE TODAY WITHOUT ANY SHOES ON AND SHE'S CONSTANTLY WALKING  
11 INTO A WALL AND SHE DOES THAT ALL DAY LONG. YOU CAN FIND HER  
12 ANYWHERE ON 9TH BETWEEN MAPLE AND THOSE STREETS ON A REGULAR  
13 BASIS AND SHE'S CLEARLY MENTALLY ILL AND SHE CLEARLY SHOULDN'T  
14 BE OUT THERE BUT I CAN'T FORCE HER TO TAKE HER MEDICATION. I  
15 CAN'T FORCE HER TO-- IT'S AGAINST THE LAW FOR ME TO DO ANY OF  
16 THOSE THINGS PRESENTLY AND OBVIOUSLY SHE NEEDS TO BE SOME KIND  
17 OF INSTITUTIONALIZED KIND OF MECHANISM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT  
18 IS. THE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN RETICENT TO DEAL WITH IT. THEY  
19 TAKE IT ON EVERY SO OFTEN AND USUALLY THOSE PEOPLE GET THROWN  
20 OUT OF OFFICE. I UNDERSTAND THE LAST AUTHOR IS OUT OF OFFICE  
21 NOW, SO I GUESS IT'S NOT VERY ENCOURAGING FOR ANY NEW BOLD  
22 LEGISLATORS TO TAKE ON THAT ISSUE OF BRINGING BACK SOME KIND  
23 OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZATION PROGRAM, BUT ANYBODY WITH ANY KIND  
24 OF REALITY KNOWS AND RECOGNIZES THAT THAT HAS TO BE PART OF  
25 THE EQUATION HERE. YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO



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1 DO THAT. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND THAT WAY TO CREATE THOSE  
2 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, THOSE HOMES THAT WE ARE  
3 GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE MANAGED EVERY DAY,  
4 MANAGED BY, THAT IS, TAKING THEIR MEDICATION, ASSISTING THEM  
5 WHEN THEY GET OUT OF CONTROL TO PUT THEM BACK IN CONTROL AND  
6 BASICALLY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE THEIR CARE FOR THE  
7 REST OF THEIR LIVES. THAT'S OUR REALITY. TAXPAYERS DON'T WANT  
8 TO HEAR IT BUT THAT IS THE NATURE OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT  
9 HERE. THIS DOESN'T ADDRESS THAT COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUE AND WE  
10 RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND IT. THEN THERE'S THE WHOLE ISSUE OF  
11 DRUNK, DISORDERLY, AND DRUG ADDICTED. AND WE HAVE VARIOUS  
12 PROGRAMS AND THEY WORK SOMETIMES. THEY DON'T WORK ALL OF THE  
13 TIME BUT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE PROGRAMS AND WE NEED TO  
14 MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WORK. WHAT I WORRY  
15 ABOUT IS THAT WE ARE NOT PART OF CREATING THE PROBLEM AS WELL  
16 AND WE MAY BE, WE DON'T KNOW. I KNOW I WAS IN THE CITY OF LOS  
17 ANGELES WHEN WE WERE MAKING A LOT OF DECISIONS THAT CREATED  
18 THE PROBLEM AT SKID ROW. SKID ROW WAS ALWAYS THERE BUT IT IS--  
19 IT WAS ESCALATED AFTER ALL THE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOTELS  
20 WERE CREATED AND THE SO-CALLED SERVICES THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO  
21 BE THERE, NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR EVERYBODY, YET IT BECAME A  
22 DUMPING GROUND FOR EVERYTHING ELSE AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS  
23 GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL AND IT'S CONTINUED TO BE OUT OF CONTROL.  
24 AND WE-- I KNOW I WAS PART OF SUING THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE  
25 THOUGHT THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE TEAMS OUT THERE ROVING AROUND



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1 EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT SHOULD BE HELPING THESE PEOPLE GET INTO  
2 SERVICES BECAUSE THERE ARE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE ENTITLED TO  
3 AND TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT. THE COUNTY DIDN'T WISH TO DO  
4 THAT AND THEY SAID THEY HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH CENTER THERE, WE  
5 HAVE A D.P.S.S. OFFICE THERE. IF THEY CHOOSE TO WALK IN AND  
6 TALK TO US, THAT SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH. WE SAID THAT'S NOT  
7 GOOD ENOUGH, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL AND WE DID SUE  
8 THE COUNTY, WHICH CREATED L.A.H.S.A., WHICH IS ANOTHER GREAT  
9 PROGRAM THAT ISN'T GETTING THE GOAL. INSTEAD, IT BECAME-- WE  
10 SAID, LET'S FOCUS ALL OF OUR MONEY AND LET'S PUT IT WITH  
11 EXPERTS THAT KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, RIGHT? WHY NOT BRING IN  
12 PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND GET THEM TO GET ALL OF  
13 THE MONEY AND THEY CAN ALLOCATE IT FOR US BECAUSE THEY KNOW  
14 WHAT TO DO. WELL, ALL THEY DO IS BATTLE WITH ONE ANOTHER EVERY  
15 SINGLE DAY ABOUT WHO GETS THE ALLOCATION AND THEN THEY DON'T  
16 MONITOR THE ALLOCATIONS AND THEN THEY DON'T RUN THEIR BOOKS SO  
17 WELL AND I THINK IT'S SORT OF EMBARRASSING, THE SITUATION THAT  
18 WE HAVE AT L.A.H.S.A. WE NEED TO GET THAT BACK UNDER CONTROL  
19 BECAUSE IT'S STILL A GOOD CONCEPT, NOT A BAD ONE. IT'S STILL A  
20 GOOD CONCEPT. AND WE NEED SOMEBODY TO REALLY TAKE CONTROL  
21 BECAUSE MANY OF US HERE ON THIS BOARD, AS WELL AS ON THE CITY  
22 COUNCIL, AS WELL AS IN THE "L.A. TIMES" DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY  
23 WHAT TO DO AND AREN'T WILLING TO TAKE SOME OF THE BOLD-- AND  
24 DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO TAKE ON SOME OF THE BOLD STEPS. SO, AS  
25 WE INCREMENTALLY PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER, WE NEED TO START



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1 LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET AT THIS ISSUE. I APPRECIATE  
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION ON ACCOUNTABILITY. IT HAS TO BE  
3 MEASURED AT SOME LEVEL. THERE HAS TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY.  
4 TAXPAYERS NEED TO APPRECIATE THAT THE KIND OF DOLLARS THAT ARE  
5 GOING INTO THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO HAVE SOME MEANINGFUL  
6 OUTCOME, MEANINGFUL OUTCOME MEANING THAT WE'RE NOT ELIMINATING  
7 THE PROBLEM BUT HOPEFULLY THAT WE'RE REDUCING THE UNIVERSE  
8 HERE AS WELL AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO IT. SO IT MAKES SENSE  
9 THAT WE MONITOR WHAT IS GOING ON. THE OTHER PART OF IT IS OUR  
10 OWN AGENCIES HAVE BEEN A HUGE CONTRIBUTING FACTOR AND NOT  
11 BECAUSE THEY CHOOSE TO BUT JUST BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF WHAT  
12 THEY DO. WE ALL SUPPORTED WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAM DECADES AGO,  
13 I WAS A PART OF IT IN THE LEGISLATURE AND I'VE BEEN A PART OF  
14 IT HERE AS WE ADMINISTER IT. IN THE LEGISLATURE, WE NEVER  
15 ANSWERED THE QUESTION THAT CONTINUES TO GO UNANSWERED: WHAT  
16 HAPPENS WHEN YOU RUN OUT OF SERVICES? YOU DIDN'T GET THE JOB,  
17 YOU DIDN'T GET ANY OF THAT. WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT FAMILY? THEY  
18 GET DUMPED IN THE STREETS. NOW, NOBODY WILL SAY THAT BUT  
19 THAT'S THE REALITY. AND OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS DO NOT KEEP A LIST  
20 OF WHO FALLS OUT OF G.A.I.N. PROGRAM, THE GAP PROGRAM,  
21 WHATEVER THE ACRONYM IS. WE JUST SAY "THE END." THEY WALK OUT.  
22 THEY HAVE NOTHING NOW. AND SOMETIMES THEY ROTATE BACK AROUND  
23 AND CREATE NEW NAMES AND NEW ABILITIES TO ACCESS THOSE  
24 SERVICES BUT WE SHOULD TRACK THAT. THAT SHOULD BE A PART OF  
25 WHAT WE DO AND WE NEED TO WRESTLE WITH THAT ISSUE BECAUSE, AS





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1 MUCH AS THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE LIKED  
2 WELFARE-TO-WORK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY REALLY DIDN'T  
3 KNOW WHAT TO DO. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD EVERY SINGLE  
4 DAY WHO CHOOSE NOT TO WORK. THEY CHOOSE NOT TO WORK. AND, FOR  
5 WHATEVER REASON, IT MIGHT BE THEY JUST DIDN'T FIND JUST THE  
6 RIGHT JOB, THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE GUY THEY WORKED FOR THE LAST  
7 TIME, NOT A GOOD SCHEDULE, I CAN'T GET THERE, WE ALL KNOW  
8 PEOPLE LIKE THAT. THEY JUST SOMEHOW CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT FIT  
9 FOR THAT JOB AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, THEY LIVE OFF THE REST OF  
10 US, EITHER AS RELATIVES OR AS FRIENDS OR WHATEVER WE DO. WE  
11 ALL KNOW THEM, SO THAT IS PART OF THE PROBLEM AS WELL, BUT OUR  
12 DEPARTMENT I THINK HAS TO BE MUCH MORE ASSERTIVE ABOUT  
13 TRACKING THE PEOPLE THAT FALL OFF, BECAUSE WE ARE EQUALLY AS  
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE FOLKS. AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE  
15 RESOLVE IT BUT WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING IN BETWEEN,  
16 BECAUSE THAT RAISES THE ISSUE THAT I HAVE BEEN RAISING ON SKID  
17 ROW. I NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY THERE ARE CHILDREN AT SKID ROW.  
18 THAT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME. IT IS NOT A GOOD PLACE FOR A CHILD,  
19 IT'S NOT A GOOD PLACE FOR AN ADULT. BUT THE REALITY IS, ADULTS  
20 MAKE A DECISION TO GO THERE. THEY MAKE A DECISION TO LIVE ON  
21 THAT STREET, THEY MAKE A DECISION ABOUT SLEEPING THERE WITH  
22 ALL THE DERELICTS AND ALL OF THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE.  
23 CHILDREN DO NOT. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THE BEST INTEREST OF A  
24 CHILD IS USUALLY WITH THEIR PARENTS. THAT IS NORMALLY HOW OUR  
25 COURTS RULE, HOW OUR LAWS ARE WRITTEN AND HOW ALL OF US WOULD



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1 APPRECIATE THE SITUATION BE. BUT THAT IS NOT, IN MANY  
2 INSTANCES, THE BEST WAY TO OPERATE. AND STATE LAW DOES  
3 PROHIBIT THAT, JUST BECAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS, YOU CANNOT TAKE  
4 AWAY A CHILD. WE WOULD NOT WANT THAT. BUT, WHEN A FAMILY IS ON  
5 SKID ROW IN SUCH AN ABUSIVE ENVIRONMENT AND THEY ARE THERE AND  
6 THEY ARE OFFERED SERVICES AND THEY REFUSE THOSE SERVICES, I  
7 SAY THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH MOMMY OR DADDY AND NOW WE  
8 HAVE TO LOOK AT THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. AND THAT'S WHEN  
9 D.C.F.S. DOES STEP IN, MS. BURKE, AND MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF  
10 WHETHER THIS CHILD'S WELLBEING IS TAKEN CARE OF. IF THE PARENT  
11 IS REFUSING SERVICES BECAUSE THEY WISH TO LIVE IN SKID ROW IN  
12 THAT KIND OF AN ENVIRONMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE CHILD MAY BE WELL  
13 DRESSED AND GOING TO SCHOOL, THERE ARE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE  
14 ADDRESSED AT MANY LEVELS AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH OUR  
15 PROGRAM. AND IT ISN'T-- WE CALL IT FOR FAMILIES BUT IT'S  
16 BASICALLY ABOUT CHILDREN AND IT NEEDS TO BE COMPREHENSIVE. IT  
17 ISN'T ABOUT WHAT FUNDING THEY CAN GET, WHERE ARE THEY GOING.  
18 WE NEED TO START DOING REAL SOCIAL WORK, BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE  
19 CHILDREN THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING BACK INTO OUR SYSTEM ONE  
20 WAY OR ANOTHER. WE HAVE AN ABILITY TO INTERVENE AT THAT TIME  
21 AND PROVIDE A SERIES OF SERVICES THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO.  
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE ANOTHER MOTION THAT I CAN'T  
23 SUPPORT AND THAT IS THE CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED. WE HOPE NOT  
24 TO MAKE A DISTINCTION WHEN IT COMES TO CHILDREN AND WHEN  
25 THEY'RE OUT THERE AND THEY'RE IN SKID ROW, AND THERE ARE VERY



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1 FEW OF THEM OUT THERE THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED, WE HAVE FOUND A  
2 COUPLE, THEY USUALLY ARE LESS THAN A PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER  
3 OF PEOPLE THAT WE FIND OUT THERE OVERALL BECAUSE MOST OF THE  
4 FOLKS OUT THERE ARE WORKING, BUT WHEN WE DO FIND THEM, WE HAD  
5 ONE INCIDENT IN WHICH YOU HAD A HUSBAND AND A WIFE AND I THINK  
6 THREE CHILDREN AND THEY WERE LIVING ON SKID ROW. AND I WAS  
7 CONCERNED AS TO WHY-- WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? WHY DON'T YOU GET  
8 OFF YOUR BUTT AND WORK IS WHAT I SORT OF FELT ABOUT THE  
9 GENTLEMAN AND THEY WERE UNDOCUMENTED. AND IT WAS VERY  
10 INTERESTING GETTING TO KNOW ABOUT THIS FAMILY. THE MOTHER IS  
11 MENTALLY ILL. THE FATHER WAS VERY NERVOUS ABOUT LEAVING THE  
12 CHILDREN WITH THE MOTHER AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, LITTLE BY  
13 LITTLE, HE LOST HIS JOB. LITTLE BY LITTLE THEY BECAME HOMELESS  
14 AND THEY HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO EAT BUT TO GO TO SKID ROW,  
15 BECAUSE THEY DID OFFER THEM MEALS THERE, EVEN THOUGH THEY  
16 DIDN'T SLEEP IN ANY OF THE SHELTERS, THEY WERE BASICALLY OUT  
17 IN THE SHEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS. BUT THAT IS, AGAIN, THREE  
18 CHILDREN THAT DESERVED AN OPPORTUNITY TO-- AND WHO WERE BORN  
19 HERE WHO DESERVE THOSE SERVICES AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET THEM  
20 ENROLLED INTO A PROGRAM AND GET HER INTO SOME KIND OF MENTAL  
21 HEALTH PROGRAM THAT ASSISTED HER. AND SO WE NEED TO ANALYZE  
22 THESE FAMILIES AND UNDERSTAND WHY ARE THEY THERE? HOW DID THEY  
23 GET THERE? IT ISN'T THAT JUST THEY WERE EVICTED. MOST OF THESE  
24 FAMILIES, WHAT YOU START FINDING OUT AS YOU READ SOME OF THESE  
25 CASES, USUALLY ARE THE FOLKS THAT HAVE EXHAUSTED EVERY ASPECT



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1 OF SERVICE. THEY'RE OUT OF G.A.I.N., THEY'RE OUT OF G.R.,  
2 THEY'RE OUT OF PROGRAMS AND SO WE NEED TO CREATE THAT BRIDGE  
3 AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO HELP THEM AND THAT REQUIRES A VERY,  
4 VERY UNIQUE ANALYSIS. BUT THE WORST PART THAT COULD HAPPEN TO  
5 US IS TO SIT HERE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW AND LOOK AT THIS 80  
6 MILLION OR \$100 MILLION AND FIND OUT THAT WE DIDN'T MAKE A  
7 DENT, WE CREATED SECONDARY PROBLEMS. AND SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT  
8 IT COMPREHENSIVELY. AND I KNOW, LARI, YOU'RE LOOKING AT  
9 OPTIONS HOW TO DO THAT. THE ACCOUNTABILITY WILL GO A LONG WAY  
10 IN CREATING THAT, BUT I DO THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL  
11 BECAUSE THERE'S A TENDENCY TO BE VERY BUREAUCRATIC. I WATCH  
12 IT. I SEE IT ALL THE TIME. EVERYBODY SAYS, "GIVE ME MORE  
13 MONEY, I CAN FIX IT, WE NEED MORE THIS" BUT THEY NEVER  
14 ANALYZE, ARE THE PROGRAMS WORKING WELL? I MEAN, GEE, I RUN  
15 THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND, I MEAN, I THINK THAT THAT G.A.I.N.  
16 PARTICIPANT WHO WAS NEVER GOING TO GET A JOB NEEDED TO BE  
17 ANALYZED VERY EARLY ON SOMEWHERE ELSE AS TO WHAT WAS GOING TO  
18 HAPPEN ONCE THEY EXHAUSTED THEIR BENEFITS. BUT THEY DIDN'T DO  
19 THAT, THEY JUST SORT OF ENDED IT, THAT WAS THE LAST CHECK THEY  
20 GOT AND THEY'RE OFF. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO ANALYZE SOME OF  
21 THESE FAMILIES THAT ARE GETTING S.S.I. AND THEY ONLY GET  
22 S.S.I. BECAUSE THEY HAVE CHILDREN. YOU HAVE TO WONDER ABOUT  
23 SOME OF THAT. WE DON'T DO THAT KIND OF SOCIAL WORK ANY MORE  
24 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND WE NEED TO BRING BACK THAT TRADITION  
25 OF SOLID SOCIAL WORK INTO THESE AGENCIES. I THINK THAT SOME OF



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1 THE SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD REALLY WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO  
2 THAT KIND OF WORK INSTEAD OF CHECKING OFF BOXES AND SEEING IF  
3 PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AND THAT. YOU KNOW, IT'S ALWAYS  
4 MORE OF A C.Y.A. INSTEAD OF REALLY A RESPECTING AND  
5 UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF A FAMILY. AND I THINK THAT'S WHY I  
6 DON'T SUPPORT YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ABOUT  
7 EXCLUDING THE UNDOCUMENTED. I THINK YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT  
8 THE STORIES ARE, FIND A WAY TO CREATE THOSE SERVICES AND, MORE  
9 IMPORTANTLY, GET THOSE CHILDREN OFF THE STREET AND INTO A SET  
10 OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SO THAT THEY DON'T END UP AND SLEEP ON  
11 THE STREETS AND CREATE A DANGER FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.  
12 AND, FINALLY, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO IN THIS THAT IS  
13 SORT OF COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO DO IT,  
14 AND I'M NOT SAYING I HAVE THE ANSWER, IS USUALLY WE WAIT UNTIL  
15 PEOPLE FALL. LET'S WAIT UNTIL THEY FALL DOWN AND THEN WE CAN  
16 PICK THEM UP, CLEAN THEM UP AND PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER. THERE  
17 IS NO ANALYSIS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF HOMELESSNESS. ONE OF THE  
18 AREAS IS CERTAINLY ENDING ALL OF YOUR BENEFITS. THAT'S A  
19 POTENTIAL FOR HOMELESSNESS. BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT THE \$80  
20 MILLION OF POTENTIAL MONEY THAT COULD GO INTO HOUSING TRUST,  
21 AND I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AT THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT  
22 YOU CAN DEVELOP, WITH THE ESCALATING RENTS, THERE ARE MANY  
23 PEOPLE, INCLUDING OUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THERE ARE PEOPLE  
24 RIGHT NOW WORKING FOR US FULL TIME WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE  
25 COMING UP WITH THE NEW RENT INCREASES AND WE NEED-- SHOULD



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1 LOOK AT SOME KIND OF A MECHANISM TO BRIDGE SOME OF THAT. IT  
2 COSTS US MORE MONEY TO BUILD A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT,  
3 ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE PUTTING MONEY INTO THAT BECAUSE WE NEED  
4 TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS, BUT WE SHOULD ALSO LOOK AT THE  
5 CONCEPT OF HOW DO WE ASSIST SOME OF THESE FAMILIES IN SOME  
6 FASHION TO SUBSIDIZE THAT RENT ESCALATION. I MEAN, YOU COULD  
7 ANALYZE, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, IF PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO, LET'S  
8 SAY, IF ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU'RE PAYING \$1,200 FOR A 2-BEDROOM  
9 UNIT BUT THE LANDLORD CAN GET A BETTER PRICE AND IS GOING TO  
10 UP THE RENT TO \$1,500, IT'S JUST ENOUGH TO BREAK-- TO CREATE A  
11 PROBLEM FOR YOU AND YOU'RE NOT GETTING A SALARY INCREASE,  
12 UNLIKE MANY OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES-- RIGHT, DAVID, ARE  
13 GETTING. THERE'S A REAL PROBLEM. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT  
14 PROGRAMS LIKE THAT BECAUSE, OF THIS \$80 MILLION AND BECAUSE WE  
15 DO SEE WHAT GOES ON IN THE INDUSTRY FUNDS, WE HAVE A LOT OF  
16 WONDERFUL DEVELOPERS THAT KNOW HOW TO ACCESS DOLLARS LIKE THIS  
17 AND HOW TO BRING AND LEVERAGE THOSE DOLLARS SO THAT THEY GET  
18 TAX CREDITS AND OTHER KINDS OF THINGS TO CREATE REAL  
19 AFFORDABILITY THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES. HARD TO LOCATE, BY  
20 THE WAY, AND PLACE. I, IN MY COMMUNITY, HAVE AS HARD A PROBLEM  
21 AS ANYONE ELSE IN LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PLACING  
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I HAVE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DON'T WANT IT,  
23 AS USUAL, THEY THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A BLIGHT TO THEIR HOMES  
24 AND WE DRIVE THEM OUT TO WHERE WE'VE CREATED OTHER AFFORDABLE  
25 UNITS AND SHOW THEM HOW ATTRACTIVE THEY CAN BE AND HOW THEY





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1 WORK. BUT IT'S STILL A PROBLEM. THAT'S WHY IT MIGHT BE  
2 WORTHWHILE TO LOOK AT SOME KIND OF A RENTAL SUBSIDY. I DON'T  
3 KNOW HOW YOU DO IT AND UNDER WHAT CATEGORIES AND WHAT GOES ON  
4 BUT, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, A BIT OF A RENTAL SUBSIDY CAN GO A  
5 LONG WAY FOR SOMEBODY WHO MAY BE RIGHT ON THE BRINK OF FALLING  
6 OFF THE EDGE SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO  
7 IT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS BUT I DO THINK THAT  
8 WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A VERY POSITIVE, POSITIVE BEGINNING TO  
9 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND ITS COMPLEXITIES. AND, AT THE END OF  
10 THE DAY, IF YOU DOUBLE THIS AMOUNT, DAVID, AND I THINK ALL THE  
11 BOARD RECOGNIZES, IT STILL WOULDN'T END THE ISSUE. WE WOULD BE  
12 HOPEFULLY TAPERING DOWN BUT THE WORST THING WOULD BE IS THAT,  
13 WITH THIS INVESTMENT OF DOLLARS, THAT WE NOT MAKE A  
14 DIFFERENCE. AND WE MUST MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND SO IT'S  
15 PROMISING, I APPLAUD IT, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON  
16 IT BUT I KNOW THAT IT'S COMPLEX AND THERE ARE NOT ANY EASY  
17 ANSWERS, AND ANYBODY COULD WRITE A PROPOSAL AS TO HOW TO END  
18 HOMELESSNESS. I APPLAUD THEM BUT THEY'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE  
19 REALITY THAT I'M DEALING WITH EVERY SINGLE DAY AND IT ISN'T  
20 JUST THROWING MONEY AT IT, IT IS REALLY DOING VERY  
21 COMPREHENSIVE WORK AT ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF LEVELS, DEALING  
22 WITH VERY COMPLEX ISSUES AND, IN MANY INSTANCES, TRYING TO  
23 CREATE A MECHANISM THAT ALSO MAY NOT BENEFIT THEM IN THE LONG  
24 RUN. BUT I THINK WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS A VERY, VERY PROMISING  
25 PROGRAM THAT REALLY NEEDS ALL OF OUR WORK. WE'RE ALL GOING TO



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1 HAVE TO BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO MAKE IT  
2 WORK. SOMETIMES LEVERAGE MORE DOLLARS, SOMETIMES TO GO OUT AND  
3 HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS TO TALK TO PEOPLE OUT THERE AND  
4 SAY, YES, THESE AFFORDABLE UNITS SHOULD GO HERE FOR THE  
5 FOLLOWING REASONS. LET'S WORK ON HOW TO MAKE THEM WORK IN THIS  
6 NEIGHBORHOOD. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES SHOULD GO IN  
7 SOME OF THESE AREAS, STABILIZATION CENTERS IN THROUGH EACH OF  
8 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. IT ISN'T JUST IN SKID ROW. SKID ROW SHOULD  
9 NOT EXIST BUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US, EVERY SINGLE DAY, ALLOW  
10 IT TO EXIST BY NOT ALLOWING THEM TO CREATE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT  
11 THE COUNTY, THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. ALL OF US NEED  
12 TO BE A PART OF IT AND WE DON'T END OUR GUILT BY TOSSING A  
13 DOLLAR INTO THE PAPER CUP FOR THE GUY THAT'S ON THE CORNER. IT  
14 REALLY IS ADDRESSING IT IN A COMPREHENSIVE FASHION. SO THIS IS  
15 A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN THAT PROCESS. I CONGRATULATE  
16 YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE DEPUTIES AND MY  
17 STAFF THAT WERE INVOLVED IN IT. IT IS PROMISING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST HAD ONE OTHER ISSUE THAT I WANTED TO  
22 INQUIRE AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE'RE GETTING INVOLVED IN  
23 THIS DETAIL. AND I AGREE, IT'S THE PARENTS OFTEN WHO ARE AT  
24 FAULT THAT THE CHILDREN END UP HOMELESS AND PARTICULARLY YOU  
25 HAVE A WHOLE CATEGORY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF FRAUD



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1 WITH D.P.S.S. AND OFTEN IT'S PEOPLE WHO SAY, "OKAY, I'M GOING  
2 TO TAKE THIS JOB" AND THEY'RE WORKING, THEY'RE NOT ALL OUT  
3 BUYING CADILLACS. SOME OF THEM ARE PEOPLE WHO TAKE JOBS TO  
4 SUPPLEMENT THEIR INCOME AND IT IS FRAUD, IT'S ABSOLUTE FRAUD.  
5 BUT I'M NOT SURE THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE THE ONE PENALIZED AS A  
6 RESULT OF THAT AND OUR SYSTEM, THE WAY IT'S SET UP, THAT'S  
7 WHAT HAPPENS. AND, AS WE LOOK AT AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR  
8 CHILDREN, I HOPE THAT WE LOOK AT THOSE CHILDREN AND SOMEHOW  
9 SEPARATE AND APART FROM WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TRANSGRESSION  
10 BY THEIR PARENTS. AND THIS IS NOT A SMALL CATEGORY OF PEOPLE  
11 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND ARE  
12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE. THEY NO  
13 LONGER QUALIFY FOR SERVICES BECAUSE THE PARENTS HAVE VIOLATED  
14 THE LAW. NOW BUT I DON'T-- I REALLY THINK THAT THAT IS  
15 SOMETHING WE SHOULD LOOK AT VERY CAREFULLY IN TERMS OF THE  
16 FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND WHETHER OR NOT THOSE CHILDREN SHOULD BE  
17 ALLOWED TO HAVE SOME OF THE BENEFITS EVEN THOUGH THEIR PARENTS  
18 HAVE VIOLATED. AND I TAKE THE POINT THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
19 RAISED IN TERMS OF PEOPLE WHO JUST DON'T WANT TO GO THE  
20 MISSION, TAKE THEIR CHILDREN AND SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE  
21 MISSION AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE THAT. THERE ARE  
22 WOMEN WHO DON'T WANT TO SPEND THEIR NIGHT AT THE MISSION  
23 BECAUSE THEY JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, I'LL GO THERE AND EAT BUT I'M  
24 NOT GOING TO STAY THERE BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL IT'S THAT SAFE.  
25 SO THERE ARE MANY OF THESE-- THERE ARE SITUATIONS ARE SO



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1 COMPLEX THAT THEY DON'T ALWAYS FIT INTO OUR LITTLE DEFINITIONS  
2 AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS MOVING BEYOND  
3 SOME OF THOSE TRADITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND LIMITATIONS THAT WE  
4 HAVE ACCEPTED BUT I DO WANT TO SAY YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB, AN  
5 EXCELLENT JOB AND I PROBABLY SHOULD ALSO ADD TO WHAT  
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID, THIS IDEA OF FIGHTING WITH THE  
7 CITY, I WAS THERE WHEN THE CITY MADE THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT-- MADE  
8 THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT. GRANTED, I FOUND OUT VERY LATE, BUT I GOT  
9 OVER THERE AND I DON'T THINK I WAS THE ONLY ONE. I THINK THERE  
10 WERE OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE COUNTY WHO WERE THERE. THERE IS NOT  
11 THIS BIG FIGHT GOING ON AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT ANY  
12 FIGHT. THE FACT THAT THEY MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, THEY SAID THEY  
13 WERE GETTING READY TO DO IT, I WENT OVER THERE TO THEIR PRESS  
14 CONFERENCE AND I'M SURE OTHERS WOULD HAVE IF THEY HAD KNOWN  
15 ABOUT IT BEFORE. SO SOME OF THIS IDEA THAT WE'RE INVOLVED IN  
16 THIS BIG COMPETITION, I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM, I  
17 REALLY DON'T.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO  
20 WILL BE SPEAKING ON THIS ITEM. FIRST IS THE HONORABLE EDMUND  
21 D. EDELMAN, A. MICHAEL KEY, JOHN MACERI, TIM PETERS AND THEN  
22 AFTER YOU GIVE YOUR PRESENTATION, IF YOU SIT DOWN, WE'LL CALL  
23 THE NEXT ITEM UP. ED, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE STAYED  
24 THROUGH A LONG MEETING WITHOUT PLAYING YOUR CELLO. RIGHT OVER  
25 THERE. TAKE THE HOT SEAT. HOW SOON THEY FORGET.



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2 **EDMUND D. EDELMAN:** I'M USED TO PUTTING OTHER PEOPLE ON THE HOT  
3 SEAT! I'LL SIT HERE, IF THAT'S OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S OKAY. YOU CAN BE THE C.A.O. FOR  
6 TODAY. YOU MIGHT LIKE THE JOB. IS MICHAEL KEY HERE?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S TAKING A PAY CUT!

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COME ON UP. IS JOHN MACERI HERE? COME  
11 ON UP. IS TIM PETERS? COME ON UP. AND TORIE OSBORN.

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13 **EDMUND D. EDELMAN:** I'M SPEAKING FOR HER.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE SPEAKING FOR TORIE. OKAY.  
16 VICTOR FRANCO, COME ON UP. THERE'S FOUR CHAIRS UP HERE. OKAY,  
17 ED.

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19 **EDMUND D. EDELMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
20 MR. MAYOR. I'M NOT USED TO THE WORD "MAYOR," BUT I'LL SAY MR.  
21 CHAIRMAN AND MAYOR. IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY TO  
22 COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE AND I THINK  
23 HITTING, IF NOT A HOME RUN, AT LEAST A TRIPLE. I WAS HERE IN  
24 1991, EARLIER, MUCH EARLIER BUT THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT TOM  
25 BRADLEY AND I, BECAUSE OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY SUING EACH



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1 OTHER OVER THE HOMELESS ISSUE, GOT TOGETHER AND WE DECIDED  
2 THAT THE BETTER WAY TO GO WAS TO BRING THE CITY AND THE COUNTY  
3 TOGETHER, SETTLE THE LAWSUITS THAT WERE BROUGHT AND SET UP  
4 L.A.H.S.A. AND I CAN RECALL THE EARLIER DAYS AND ZEV IS RIGHT,  
5 WE DID NOT HAVE THE PROBLEM AS WE HAVE TODAY WITH THE NUMBER  
6 OF HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR REGION. AND IT IS A  
7 NATIONAL DISGRACE, IT IS A COMMUNITY DISGRACE AND A REGIONAL  
8 DISGRACE. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN AND IT'S  
9 INTERESTING TO LOOK AT THE TITLE OF THE PLAN, IT'S CALLED  
10 "HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE." "LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS  
11 PREVENTION INITIATIVE," AND I WANT TO SALUTE, AS SOME OF THE  
12 MEMBERS HAVE DONE, DAVID JANSSEN, WHO WENT ON THE TRIP TO NEW  
13 YORK, ALONG WITH MARV SOUTHARD, PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTY  
14 DEPARTMENTS AND BOARD OFFICES TO SEE WHAT THEY PUT IN PLACE IN  
15 NEW YORK, NOT THAT WE'RE EXACTLY LIKE NEW YORK, BUT CERTAINLY  
16 NEW YORK HAS PAVED THE WAY IN BEING A LEADING EDGE IN TRYING  
17 TO DO SOMETHING AND HAS DONE SOMETHING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
18 HOMELESS IN TIMES SQUARE AND THE SUBWAY AND MIDTOWN, IN THE  
19 THEATRE DISTRICT AND THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY. THEY'VE STEPPED  
20 UP TO THE PLATE AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES, WHICH I HAVE STRONG AFFINITY TO, HAVING SERVED 20  
22 YEARS, AND 10 YEARS ON THE CITY, HAS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE  
23 AND HAS PUT A PLAN FORWARD. IT'S NOT PERFECT. NO ONE CAN PUT A  
24 PLAN OF THIS MAGNITUDE, IN THIS DETAIL AND SAY THAT IT'S  
25 PERFECT. SURE, THERE'S ROUGH EDGES HERE, THERE MAY BE A ROUGH





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1 EDGE THERE BUT THE PLAN IS A START, AND I CALL IT A START, TO  
2 HELP THE HOMELESS. NOW, I'M REPRESENTING SANTA MONICA BUT  
3 SANTA MONICA DIDN'T ASK ME TO HELP SANTA MONICA ONLY. THEY  
4 SAID, "DO SOME STUFF ON THE REGIONAL FRONT" BECAUSE THEY KNEW  
5 THAT SANTA MONICA COULDN'T ALONE SOLVE THE PROBLEM OR REDUCE  
6 THE PROBLEM. TOOK THE COUNTY. TAKES A CITY OF L.A. AND OTHER  
7 CITIES, 87 OTHER CITIES HAVE TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE, HAVE TO  
8 DO SOMETHING, HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE HOMELESS ARE NOT JUST IN  
9 SKID ROW, THEY'RE NOT JUST IN LONG BEACH, THEY'RE NOT JUST IN  
10 PASADENA OR SANTA MONICA, THEY'RE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE  
11 SEE THEM EVERYWHERE WE GO, TAKING THEIR CARTS, TAKING THEIR  
12 BASKETS, SLEEPING ON THE STREETS, SLEEPING ON THE BUS BENCHES.  
13 WHAT A WAY TO LOOK AT YOUR WORLD WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE  
14 MORNING TO SEE THIS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY. NOW, WE HAVE A  
15 CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING. THE COUNTY-- AND I SALUTE THE COUNTY,  
16 I SALUTE YOU THE BOARD MEMBERS, TODAY. NOW, I SEE THIS PLAN AS  
17 A UNIQUE PLAN. IT'S NOT JUST STABILIZATION CENTERS. THAT'S  
18 GOING TO BE HARD AND THE BOARD POINTED THAT OUT, MS. MOLINA  
19 POINTED IT OUT, ZEV POINTED IT OUT. IT'S HARD TO PUT HOMELESS  
20 AROUND RESIDENTIAL AREAS. WHERE DO YOU PUT THEM? WHERE ARE YOU  
21 GOING TO ESTABLISH THEM? IT'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH ISSUE.  
22 NIMBIISM IS ALIVE AND WELL. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT, ONE WAY  
23 OR THE OTHER, WE'RE PAYING FOR THE HOMELESS SITUATION AS IT  
24 IS. THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY FOR THE JAIL TIME THAT PEOPLE ARE  
25 THERE WHEN THEY'RE PICKED UP FOR QUALITY OF LIFE CRIMES. MAYBE



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1    THEY'RE NOT EVEN PICKED UP AND PUT IN JAIL BUT THEY'RE  
2    ARRESTED AND USUALLY RELEASED, BUT THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE WHO  
3    ARE IN NEED OF PARAMEDIC SERVICES BECAUSE THEY GET SO SICK  
4    PHYSICALLY, THEY GET SO SICK MENTALLY, THAT THEY NEED TO BE  
5    TREATED IN A COUNTY INSTITUTION. SO I THINK DAVID JANSSEN AND  
6    HIS CREW WAS SMART ENOUGH TO SAY, "WELL, WAIT A MINUTE, WE  
7    COULD SAVE MONEY IF WE DON'T SEE THESE PEOPLE RECYCLED THROUGH  
8    THE SYSTEM AGAIN BY BETTER DISCHARGE PLANNING," BY BETTER  
9    DISCHARGE PLANNING TO LINK PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING OUT OF JAIL,  
10    BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF JAIL, TO THE SERVICES AND TO THE  
11    BENEFITS THAT THEY'RE ENTITLED, S.S.I., IF THEY'RE DISABLED  
12    PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY, THEY'RE ENTITLED TO S.S.I., GET THEM  
13    QUALIFIED FOR S.S.I. SO THEY'RE MAKING SOME INCOME OR HAVING  
14    SOME INCOME TO PAY FOR THEMSELVES. AND THE SHERIFF HAS  
15    CERTAINLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND TRIED TO BRING THIS TO  
16    THE ATTENTION OF THIS COMMUNITY, THAT HE HAS WAREHOUSED IN THE  
17    COUNTY JAIL A MENTAL HOSPITAL. WELL, THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT  
18    PLACE FOR A MENTAL HOSPITAL, IN A COUNTY JAIL. WE USED TO HAVE  
19    STATE INSTITUTIONS AND I MUST SAY TO GLORIA, THIS HAPPENED  
20    LONG BEFORE JERRY BROWN WAS IN OFFICE. GOVERNOR REAGAN AND  
21    PEOPLE WELL MEANING CLOSED THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS OR  
22    REDUCED THE NUMBER OF BEDS, WE USED TO HAVE 55,000 BEDS. DO  
23    YOU KNOW HOW MANY WE HAVE TODAY? 5,000. 5,000 BEDS. NOW, WE  
24    KNOW THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. POPULATION HAS INCREASED IN TERMS OF  
25    THE MENTALLY ILL. SO I THINK THIS PLAN, AND I'M NOT GOING TO



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1 SPEAK TOO MUCH LONGER, YOU HAVE A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
2 WORKED IN THE TRENCHES MUCH LONGER THAN I WHO HAVE SOMETHING  
3 TO SAY, BUT I WANT TO SALUTE THE WAY THE COUNTY HAS PUT THIS  
4 TOGETHER. THEY JUST DIDN'T RUSH TO PUT IT OUT, TO GAIN FAVOR  
5 POLITICALLY. THIS IS THE BEST PLAN THAT I'VE SEEN, 47 PAGES,  
6 WELL THOUGHT OUT, PUT TOGETHER BY THIS INTEGRATION SERVICE  
7 UNIT IN THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE. THAT'S SOMETHING WE DIDN'T HAVE  
8 WHEN I WAS HERE, BRINGING ALL DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER AND I SEE  
9 THIS REPORT IS SIGNED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S  
10 DEPARTMENT, MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
11 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, CARLOS  
12 JACKSON AND THE COMMUNITY, I GUESS IT'S CALLED THE HOUSING  
13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. SO THIS IS A PLAN WHERE YOU  
14 GOT INPUT FROM ALL THESE DEPARTMENTS. NOW IT'S UP TO YOU TO  
15 OVERSEE THIS PLAN, ASSUMING IT'S ADOPTED, TO OVERSEE IT AND,  
16 YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU WANT TO EVALUATE IT TO SEE HOW IT'S WORKING  
17 BUT GET IT OFF THE GROUND. YOU COULD BE THE KEY CATALYST IN  
18 THIS REGION, THE KEY CATALYST AND, INDEED, THE CITY OF L.A.,  
19 I'M SPEAKING FOR TORIE OSBORN, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED BY THE MAYOR  
20 TO HELP HIM DEVELOP A PROGRAM IN THE CITY THAT DOVETAILS WITH  
21 THE COUNTY PROGRAM. SANTA MONICA IS WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP.  
22 YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF DOING SOMETHING, AS ZEV SAID, HISTORIC  
23 AND DRAMATIC AND YOU CAN ALL GET THE CREDIT. YOU CAN'T END IT  
24 ALL, YOU CAN'T END HOMELESSNESS BUT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TO  
25 REDUCE THE NUMBER. YOU CAN MAKE THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE HERE



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1 IN THE COUNTY MORE EFFECTIVELY DELIVERED. AND ONE LAST COMMENT  
2 I WANT TO MAKE. L.A.H.S.A., WHICH WAS CREATED OUT OF THIS  
3 LAWSUIT, THE LAWSUIT THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FILED  
4 AGAINST EACH OTHER, NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED. THERE'S NO  
5 QUESTION ABOUT IT, IT NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED. THE ROLES AND  
6 DUTIES OF L.A.H.S.A. HAVE CHANGED. WHEN WE SET IT UP, TOM  
7 BRADLEY AND I, IT WAS MAINLY A COLD WEATHER PROGRAM, IT WAS TO  
8 GET PEOPLE SHELTER AT THE SAME TEMPERATURE READING. ONE TIME,  
9 THE COUNTY HAD ONE TEMPERATURE TO TAKE PEOPLE INTO ARMORIES  
10 AND SO ON. THE CITY HAD ANOTHER TEMPERATURE READING. IT WAS  
11 RIDICULOUS TO HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PROGRAMS IN THIS REGION, SO  
12 WE COMBINED THE PROGRAMS AND WE GAVE THE COUNTY, I REMEMBER AT  
13 THAT TIME, WE GAVE THEM A MILLION DOLLARS TO L.A.H.S.A.  
14 BECAUSE, INSTEAD OF PAYING THE ATTORNEYS TO FIGHT THIS CASE,  
15 WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SET UP L.A.H.S.A. AND PUT  
16 THAT MONEY TO HELP HOMELESS. SO YOUR INVESTMENT IN L.A.H.S.A.  
17 AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS ON THE FRONT BURNER, HOW ARE YOU GOING  
18 TO INTERFACE WITH THE CITY AND THE OTHER CITIES, LONG BEACH,  
19 IT'S NOT IN L.A.H.S.A., SANTA MONICA, WELL, IS IN L.A.H.S.A.,  
20 BUT PASADENA, GLENDALE, THEY'RE NOT IN L.A.H.S.A. WE NEED TO  
21 BRING THEM INTO L.A.H.S.A. YOU NEED, I THINK, TO IMPROVE THE  
22 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND HOPEFULLY I CAN HELP, IF I'VE HELPED  
23 CREATE L.A.H.S.A. AND I HAVE A VESTED INTEREST, I FEEL LIKE  
24 IT'S MY BABY, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT BABY PROSPERING AND  
25 CONTINUE. SO I'M WILLING TO HELP MEDIATE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE



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1 CITY AND THE COUNTY ON THIS ISSUE AND THERE WILL BE, AS ZEV  
2 POINTS OUT, NO ONE CAN THINK EXACTLY THE SAME. I'M HAPPY TO  
3 USE WHATEVER TALENTS I HAVE. SO THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. JUST GIVE YOUR  
6 NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

7

8 **KEVIN MICHAEL KEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR  
9 BURKE, KNABE, MOLINA, YAROSLAVSKY. MY NAME IS KEVIN MICHAEL  
10 KEY. I LIVE IN A S.R.O. ROOM IN THE SKID ROW AREA OF DOWNTOWN  
11 LOS ANGELES AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT AND PRINCIPLE OF THIS  
12 PLAN. THERE ARE SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT I DO HAVE AND  
13 INITIALLY I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT, IF EXPERIENCE EQUALS  
14 EXPERTISE, THEN I'VE BEEN A G.R. RECIPIENT, I'VE BEEN A PERSON  
15 WHO LIVES IN SKID ROW, I'M A NATIVE NEW YORKER, SO I'M  
16 FAMILIAR WITH NEW YORK, I WORKED IN RIKERS ISLAND AS A  
17 CIVILIAN, I ALSO LIVED IN RIKERS ISLAND WHILE I WAS  
18 INCARCERATED, SO I THINK I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE AND SOME  
19 EXPERTISE TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE, THOUGH WHILE A NEW YORK  
20 MODEL WAS HELD UP AS A BEACON AND THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS  
21 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY IS PUTTING UP  
22 SOME MONEY, I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. I  
23 HEARD BOTH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA TALK  
24 ABOUT AND EXPRESS CONCERNS THAT THESE PLANS LOOK GOOD ON PAPER  
25 BUT THE REAL ISSUE IS GOING TO BE THE IMPLEMENTATION. AND IT'S



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1 BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT VERY OFTEN SOMETHING GETS LOST IN THE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FACT  
3 AND THEORY. \$300 FOR A HOUSING ALLOWANCE IS NOT-- IN THE G.R.  
4 PORTION OF IT WHERE YOU'RE ALLOCATING \$300, AN ADDITIONAL \$300  
5 FOR HOUSING IS NOT, ESPECIALLY IN A PILOT PROJECT, GOING TO  
6 ENSURE THIS. IT'S NOT ENOUGH. I WOULD SUGGEST TO THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS THAT YOU EVEN HAVE LESS PEOPLE IN THE PROJECT AND  
8 HAVE A FLEXIBLE CEILING SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO  
9 LOOK FOR THE HOUSING AT REASONABLE RATES. WHEN YOU PUT A \$300  
10 CEILING PER MONTH FOR G.R. PEOPLE TO GET HOUSING, IT'S MY  
11 BELIEF THAT THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO END UP IN THE SAME HANDS,  
12 JUST GOING TO BE-- IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME PEOPLE FEEDING  
13 FROM A BIGGER TROUGH TO FEED FROM. SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE  
14 BOARD AND THE EXPERTS THAT FORMULATED THIS PLAN, IF IT'S GOING  
15 TO BE A PILOT UPON WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE  
16 ALLOCATED, TRY AND SET IT UP IN A WAY THAT IT TRULY WORKS, AND  
17 THEN YOU CAN DO A LEGITIMATE COST ANALYSIS LOOKING AT THAT.  
18 BUT WHEN YOU HAVE THIS CEILING...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

21

22 **KEVIN MICHAEL KEY:** YES, SIR. YES, SIR. YES, SIR. IT WAS SO  
23 MUCH. I WISH I DID HAVE MORE TIME. I WILL SAY TO YOU, AT TIMES  
24 IN MY LIFE I'VE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS BEING BEYOND HOPE BUT I  
25 NEEDED TO BE A PART OF FORMULATING MY OWN SOLUTION. I HEARD





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1 PEOPLE SAY FAMILIES NOW COME TO SKID ROW AND THAT THEY ARE  
2 REJECTING SERVICES. I DARESAY THEY'RE NOT REJECTING HOUSING  
3 AND HOUSING, PERMANENT HOUSING, FOR THE VERY LOW INCOME IS THE  
4 FOUNDATION. RECIDIVISM RATES GO DOWN WHEN YOU HAVE PERMANENT  
5 HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT RATES GO UP WHEN YOU HAVE PERMANENT  
6 HOUSING. THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IS MORE STABILIZED. SO  
7 THE KEY TO ALL OF THIS, AND I'M SORRY TO BE ON THE BAND  
8 PREACHING, BUT THE KEY TO ALL OF THIS IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
9 FOR THE TRULY LOW INCOME. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
12 ANTONIO CHAVEZ. YES, SIR, YOU'RE NEXT.

13

14 **JOHN MACERI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JOHN MACERI, I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
15 DIRECTOR OF OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, OPCC. WE ARE A  
16 PROVIDER OF SERVICES TO LOW INCOME AND HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS  
17 AND FAMILIES BASED IN SANTA MONICA AND SERVING THE WEST SIDE  
18 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SEVERAL OF THE POINTS I WANTED TO MAKE  
19 HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE DURING THE DISCUSSION, SO I'M NOT GOING  
20 TO REITERATE ALL OF THEM BUT I DID WANT TO TAKE THE  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL FOR A  
22 VARIETY OF REASONS. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK IT'S A HISTORIC  
23 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO LEVERAGE A VARIETY OF RESOURCES  
24 AND WORK IN COORDINATION, NOT ONLY WITH THE CITY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES BUT THE OTHER CITIES AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENTS, TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN THAT LOOKS AT HOMELESSNESS  
2 AS A COUNTYWIDE PROBLEM, NOT JUST THIS PROBLEM OF SKID ROW OR  
3 SANTA MONICA OR IN POCKETS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT IT REALLY  
4 RECOGNIZES THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE EVERYWHERE IN THIS COUNTY.  
5 OF COURSE, ANY PLAN IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE IMPLEMENTATION AND  
6 THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS BUT I THINK THAT YOU HAVE A VERY  
7 GOOD START, A GOOD FOUNDATION WITH THE COOPERATION OF ALL THE  
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED  
9 IN GUIDING YOU. AND I HOPE, GOING FORWARD, THAT YOU WILL USE  
10 THE EXPERTISE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE TRENCHES FOR A  
11 LONG TIME AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS YOU FLUSH OUT THE DETAILS.  
12 FINALLY, I DO WANT TO REITERATE THE ISSUE OF CITING PROGRAMS.  
13 IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND THAT'S PART OF  
14 THE EQUATION BUT I HOPE GOING FORWARD THAT WE CAN ALSO EXPECT  
15 THAT THE STAFF OF THE BOARD OFFICES, AS WELL AS YOUR  
16 LEADERSHIP INDIVIDUALLY, WILL HELP US AS WE BEGIN TO LOOK AT  
17 WHERE THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE CITED, THAT WE CAN'T FOOL  
18 OURSELVES INTO THINKING THAT THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ENORMOUS  
19 RESISTANCE TO-- EVEN THE BEST PROGRAMS HAVE ENORMOUS PROMISE  
20 IN CITING AND I DON'T THINK THAT CAN BE OVERLOOKED OR  
21 MINIMIZED FINALLY, RHONDA MYSTER, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE  
22 WESTSIDE SHELTER AND HUNGER COALITION, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT  
23 32 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
24 ON THE WEST SIDE WAS HERE EARLIER AND HAD TO LEAVE AND SHE  
25 ASKED ME JUST TO, FOR THE RECORD, SAY THAT SHE, ON BEHALF OF



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1 THE COALITION, SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL AND THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS  
2 TO FINALLY LOOK AT THIS AS A REGIONAL PROBLEM. AND I WANT TO  
3 CLOSE BY SAYING THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY A COST FOR DOING  
4 NOTHING. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

7

8 **TIM PETERS:** HI. MY NAME IS TIM PETERS. I'M DIRECTOR OF  
9 PROGRAMS AT CENTRAL CITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND WE'VE BEEN  
10 SERVING HOMELESS FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SINCE 1991 AND WE'D  
11 LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR JUST LOOKING AT THIS PROPOSAL. WE  
12 ARE VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS VITAL CRUCIAL PROPOSAL FOR  
13 REACHING HOMELESS AND VERY THANKFUL FOR LARRY AND DAVID AND  
14 MICHAEL, ALL THE OTHERS THAT HAVE PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT  
15 INTO THIS. I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS, SOME OF WHICH ALSO HAVE  
16 BEEN REITERATED EARLIER. ONE IS JUST TO KIND OF IN QUESTION  
17 ABOUT, AS I'VE READ THE PROPOSAL, I'VE NOTICED THAT PRIMARILY,  
18 IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE FUNDING IS DESIGNATED TO GO TOWARD  
19 COUNTY ONLY AGENCIES AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE'S GOING TO BE  
20 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER EXISTING NONPROFITS TO BE ABLE TO  
21 HAVE-- WHO KNOW THE HOMELESS AND HAVE THE EXPERIENCE WORKING  
22 WITH THE HOMELESS, TO HAVE A COMPETITIVE PROCESS, LIKE AN  
23 R.F.P. TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE POSSIBLY SOME OF THE FUNDING. AND  
24 AS MANY OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS DO SHARE THE SAME  
25 VISION AND NOT ONLY KNOW AND SERVE THE HOMELESS BUT SHARE THE



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1 VISION TO SOLVE ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND SOME OF WHICH  
2 AGENCIES MAY BE BETTER SUITED. FOR EXAMPLE, D.C.F.S., WHICH IS  
3 A GREAT ORGANIZATION DOING A LOT OF GOOD THINGS, MAY NOT BE  
4 THE BEST SELECTION FOR CASE MANAGERS TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW  
5 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN THROUGH THE CASE MANAGEMENT PROCESS  
6 LONG-TERM. MY EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN,  
7 ESPECIALLY IN SKID ROW, THEY TEND TO TRY TO AVOID D.C.F.S. AND  
8 IT WOULD NOT BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST AND  
9 LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. AND SO WE WANT TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT  
10 AND REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND JUST MAKE A  
11 COUPLE SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO GO NEXT? IF  
14 TWO OF YOU WILL PLEASE LEAVE, I'LL CALL TWO MORE UP. BOB  
15 ERLENBUSCH AND JOEL JOHN ROBERTS. YES.

16

17 **VICTOR FRANCO, JR.:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VICTOR FRANKLE,  
18 JR. AND I'M THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
19 FOR CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION HERE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.  
20 C.C.A. SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE. WE  
21 ALSO WANT TO THANK COUNTY STAFF FOR DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB AT  
22 PREPARING A VERY GOOD DOCUMENT FOR YOU TO LOOK AT TODAY. THE  
23 BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO FINDING MEANINGFUL AND  
24 LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS THAT CONSPIRED,  
25 REALLY, TO CREATE THE LARGEST HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE



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1 COUNTRY. CLEARLY, THE IDEA OF PLACING HOMELESS SERVICES IN A  
2 CONCENTRATED AREA, AS IS THE CASE WITH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES,  
3 IS A BAD IDEA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS MERIT TO PROVIDING SERVICES  
4 WHERE THERE IS A NEED, WHEN AN AREA SUCH AS DOWNTOWN BECOMES A  
5 DUMPING GROUND FOR HOMELESS, THE MENTALLY ILL OR DRUG AND  
6 ALCOHOL ADDICTED PEOPLE, OVERCONCENTRATION, INUNDATION PLACES  
7 A SEVERE STRAIN ON ANY SERVICES PROVIDED. SERVICE PROVIDERS  
8 ARE OVERWHELMED AND ILL EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THIS MASSIVE  
9 PROBLEM ON THEIR OWN. HOMELESSNESS IS A COUNTYWIDE ISSUE.  
10 TODAY, I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
11 AND THEIR SUPPORT BUT I'M ALSO HERE EXPRESSING SUPPORT AS A  
12 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER. YES, THERE IS HOMELESSNESS  
13 IN WHITTIER AND OTHER LOCAL SOUTHEAST CITIES ALONG THE SAN  
14 GABRIEL RIVER AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU, THIS WAS SO EVIDENCED  
15 LAST YEAR WHEN THE BEVERLY BOULEVARD BRIDGE WAS BURNED FROM A  
16 HOMELESS PERSON ATTEMPTING TO STAY WARM. UNFORTUNATELY THE  
17 PROBLEM, IF IT'S OUT OF SIGHT, IT'S OUT OF MIND. IF WE CAN  
18 BEGIN TO ADDRESS HOMELESS, MENTAL ILLNESS, DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
19 ADDICTION ISSUES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES WHERE  
20 THERE ARE PROBLEMS OR WHERE PEOPLE'S INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT  
21 SYSTEMS, THEIR FAMILIES, ARE LOCATED, RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING  
22 TO ADDRESS THEM IN AN OVERWHELMED ENVIRONMENT THAT IS DOWNTOWN  
23 L.A., MORE PEOPLE CAN GET SERVICES THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED. A  
24 PORTFOLIO OF HOMELESS SERVICES, COUPLED WITH A HOMELESS  
25 COMMUNITY COURT, HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND A REVISED DISCHARGE



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1 POLICY BY HOSPITALS AND THE SHERIFF WILL LEAD TO A POSITIVE--  
2 TO POSITIVE RESULTS. EVERYONE HERE IS FOCUSED ON THE SAME  
3 GOAL. THIS INITIATIVE PROVIDES US WITH A COMMON PLATFORM THAT  
4 WE CAN ALL PUT DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND FOCUS ON OUR COMMON GOAL  
5 OF SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS. THIS PLAN IS  
6 MONEY WELL SPENT AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **ARTURO CHAVEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M NAME IS ARTURO CHAVEZ AND  
11 I'M WITH THE OFFICE OF SENATOR GIL CEDILLO, DISTRICT 22, WHICH  
12 ACTUALLY REPRESENTS THE AREA OF SKID ROW. THE SENATOR, WHO  
13 ALSO RESIDES DOWNTOWN, HAD THE FORTUNATE EVENT OF MEETING  
14 CAPTAIN ANDY SMITH THE NIGHT OF THE INFAMOUS AND WELL  
15 DOCUMENTED DUMPING OF SOMEONE DOWNTOWN THAT WAS MEANT BY STEVE  
16 LOPEZ'S ARTICLES. HE HAPPENED TO BE THERE THAT NIGHT WHEN THAT  
17 OCCURRED AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, BECAME QUITE INVOLVED IN  
18 THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOMETHING TO DO WITH SKID ROW AND THAT IS  
19 PUTTING TOGETHER A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO GO TO NEW YORK AND  
20 INVESTIGATE WHAT WAS OCCURRING AT TIMES SQUARE, UNDERSTANDING  
21 THE FACT THAT NEW YORK IS NOT L.A. AND VICE VERSA, L.A. IS NOT  
22 NEW YORK, BUT THAT WE COULD LEARN FROM FOLKS WHO HAD DEALT  
23 WITH PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THIS. THE SENATOR IS ACTUALLY VERY  
24 SUPPORTIVE OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE-- HOMELESS PREVENTATIVE  
25 INITIATIVE THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND





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1 FEELS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED WELL FROM OUR TRIP. WE HAVE  
2 IMPLEMENTED SOME OF THESE IDEAS AND WE FEEL THAT THEY ARE  
3 WELL, AGAIN, LIKE I STATED EARLIER, WELL SPENT MONEY AS WE  
4 NEED TO LEARN WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T WORK. THE SENATOR,  
5 COMING BACK FROM OUR TRIP TO NEW YORK, HAD INTRODUCED A SERIES  
6 OF BILLS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE SENATE BILL 1309, WHICH WOULD  
7 ACTUALLY PROHIBIT ARRESTING AGENCIES, HOSPITALS AND OTHER  
8 PROVIDERS FROM DUMPING PEOPLE ON SKID ROW. THIS IS GOING  
9 THROUGH THE PROCESS IN SACRAMENTO AT THIS POINT. HE ALSO PUT  
10 TOGETHER A-- QUITE A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES, NINE ACTUAL BILLS  
11 TO DEAL WITH SKID ROW, INCLUDING SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS,  
12 DOWNTOWN NARCOTICS RECOVERY ZONE, FAIR SHARE ZONING OF FELONY  
13 OFFENDER DRUG, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM, A COMMUNITY  
14 REUNIFICATION ACT, WHICH HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY THIS REPORT ON  
15 THE SHERIFF'S DISCHARGE PROGRAM AND MAYBE WILL NOT BE  
16 NECESSARY, A YOUTH SUBSTANCE AND ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND  
17 ALSO FOSTER CARE. WE ARE HERE, I AM HERE TODAY FOR THE  
18 SENATOR, WHO IS APPLAUDING AND SUPPORTS THE HOMELESS  
19 PREVENTATIVE INITIATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE C.A.O.'S  
20 OFFICE AND CONGRATULATES THE BOARD AND THEIR STAFF IN THEIR  
21 EFFORTS TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES  
22 TO MANY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LIVING IN SKID ROW.  
23 THE PROPOSAL IS CLEARLY A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO  
24 ESTABLISHING A METHOD OF MOVING HOMELESS PEOPLE AND OTHER  
25 MENTALLY DEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS INTO SAFE AND PERMANENT AND



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1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND, AGAIN, WE APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS FROM  
2 THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, LARI WITH ALL YOUR WORK, AND ALL THE  
3 OTHER GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS AND STAFF. THANK  
4 YOU VERY MUCH AND WE HOPE THAT YOU...

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I HAD TALKED TO THE SENATOR  
7 RELATIVE TO REQUIRING MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE MENTALLY ILL  
8 HOMELESS. COULD YOU GIVE ME AN UPDATE ON WHAT HE HAS DONE ON  
9 THAT?

10

11 **ARTURO CHAVEZ:** EXCUSE ME?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ABOUT INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO  
14 REQUIRE TREATMENT FOR MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS. WHEN WE TALKED  
15 ABOUT HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK AND MY CHIEF OF STAFF WENT ON THAT  
16 TRIP WITH THE SENATOR AND OUR C.A.O., HE BASICALLY AGREED THAT  
17 WE HAVE TO DO MORE IN THAT VEIN BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF  
18 MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM IN THAT STATE LAW  
19 DOESN'T ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THAT TREATMENT IF THEY REJECT THAT  
20 REQUEST. AND THE QUESTION WAS LEGISLATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED  
21 IN SACRAMENTO TO ADDRESS THAT. PERHAPS YOU COULD GIVE US THAT  
22 ANOTHER TIME OR GIVE US AN UPDATE.

23

24 **ARTURO CHAVEZ:** YES, WE COULD. WE'LL DO IT ANOTHER TIME. THE  
25 QUESTION OF THE SECURING MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR THE



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1 INDIVIDUALS OR ACTUALLY HAVING THEM TREATED, WHO REFUSE  
2 TREATMENT ON THE STREET, HAS BEEN DEBATED AND IT WAS MENTIONED  
3 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA BEFORE. I THINK IT WAS A TWO-YEAR DEBATE  
4 BEFORE THAT AND SHE'S RIGHT IN THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
5 HAVE TAKEN THAT TASK ON HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER AT THIS  
6 POINT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JEFFREY DAVIS AND BECKY  
9 DENNISON. IS BECKY DENNISON HERE? BECKY-- OKAY, BECKY. OKAY.

10

11 **BOB ERLENBUSCH:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BOB ERLENBUSCH. I'M THE  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COALITION TO END HUNGER  
13 AND HOMELESSNESS. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DISCHARGE  
14 PLANNING TASK FORCE THAT THE COALITION STAFFS, WE URGE YOU TO--  
15 - AND URGENTLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT AND FULLY FUND THIS  
16 HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE. AS YOU KNOW, AND PARTICULARLY  
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY KNOW, IN TWO DAYS,  
18 THE BRING L.A. HOME PRESS CONFERENCE, THE 10-YEAR PLAN TO END  
19 HOMELESSNESS WILL BE-- THAT PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD NOT  
20 TOO FAR FROM HERE. THE ACTION THAT YOU TAKE TODAY IS A  
21 CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT DOWN PAYMENT ON MAKING THAT PLAN COME  
22 TO LIFE IN COMBINATION WITH THE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT  
23 YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON, \$50 MILLION FOR SUPPORTIVE  
24 HOUSING FROM THE CITY AND, OF COURSE, PROP 63. IT'S FAIRLY  
25 OBVIOUS THAT WE HAVE A REGIONAL CRISIS AND THAT WE NEED A



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1 REGIONAL COORDINATED RESPONSE. THIS INITIATIVE, WHILE WE HAVE  
2 SOME QUESTIONS THAT WE PUT IN OUR SUPPORT LETTER TO YOU,  
3 NEVERTHELESS BEGINS TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS RESPONSE.  
4 THE L.A. COALITION TO END HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AND THE  
5 COMMUNITY DISCHARGE PLANNING TASK FORCE OF MORE THAN 35  
6 STAKEHOLDERS IS LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP  
7 WITH THE C.A.O. AND THE SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH AND THEIR  
8 LEADERSHIP TO BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THIS  
9 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **JOEL ROBERTS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOEL ROBERTS. I'M THE  
14 C.E.O. OF PATH, PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS. THIS NEW  
15 HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE COULD BE SIGNIFICANT AND, AS  
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID, AN HISTORICAL RESPONSE TO THE  
17 STATE OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LET ME EXPLAIN.  
18 TODAY, RIGHT THIS MINUTE, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, EVERY  
19 AFTERNOON, WE PLAY A TRAGIC HUMAN GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS, BUT  
20 IT'S REALLY MORE LIKE MUSICAL BEDS BECAUSE, TODAY, BY 1:00 IN  
21 THE AFTERNOON EVERY DAY EVERY HOMELESS SHELTER BED IN THE  
22 COUNTY IS FULL BECAUSE, FOR EVERY ONE BED IN THE SYSTEM, MORE  
23 THAN SIX HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE DESPERATELY FIGHTING TO ACCESS  
24 IT. THE FIRST RESPONDERS TO THIS CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS ARE  
25 THE NONPROFIT HOMELESS AGENCIES WHO, BY THE AFTERNOON, HAVE TO



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1    TURN AWAY EVERYONE LOOKING FOR A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP. WE TURN  
2    AWAY WOMEN WITH INFANTS, VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN OUR PAST WARS  
3    AND SENIOR CITIZENS ROLLING TO OUR DOORS IN WHEELCHAIRS. THERE  
4    IS NO PLACE TO SEND THEM IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A SAFE PLACE TO  
5    SLEEP. THIS PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INVESTMENT BY THE  
6    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COULD BEGIN A NEW EFFORT TO ELIMINATE  
7    THIS TRAGIC HUMAN GAME THAT IS GOING ON IN OUR COUNTY EVERY  
8    DAY. AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM THAT HELPED PROVIDE  
9    INPUT ON THIS NEW INITIATIVE, I ALSO WANT TO RESPOND TO ONE  
10   MISINFORMATION THAT'S GOING ON IN THE MEDIA. I DON'T BELIEVE  
11   THIS INITIATIVE WILL ENCOURAGE REVERSE DUMPING. WE KNOW NOW  
12   THAT HOMELESSNESS IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, FROM  
13   DOWNTOWN TO THE BEACHES, FROM THE VALLEY TO SUBURBAN  
14   NEIGHBORHOODS. THESE REGIONAL EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY THE  
15   STABILIZATION CENTERS, ARE TO REACH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
16   HOMELESS IN THAT REGION AND NOT TO GO FROM REGION TO REGION. I  
17   STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS IS AN HISTORICAL TIME FOR YOU, FOR OUR  
18   COMMUNITY. WHEN WE DRAMATICALLY REDUCE AND ULTIMATELY  
19   ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PEOPLE WILL LOOK  
20   BACK TO THIS DAY, IN THIS DECISION, AS THE TIPPING POINT  
21   TOWARD A NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENT TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE  
22   PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: THE HOMELESS. THANK YOU VERY  
23   MUCH FOR YOUR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, JOEL. LET ME CALL UP ROBIN  
2    CONNERY AND CARRIE GATLIN. YES?

3

4    **BECKY DENNISON:** HI. MY NAME IS BECKY DENNISON AND I WORK WITH  
5    THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK IN THE SKID ROW  
6    COMMUNITY. I AM HERE IN ABSOLUTE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM  
7    BEING INTRODUCED TODAY AND THE CLOSE TO A HUNDRED MILLION  
8    DOLLAR ALLOCATION AND I THINK IT IS AN EXCELLENT STEP FORWARD  
9    IN THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT FOCUSES SO MUCH ON THE  
10   HOUSING ASPECT AND DOLLARS ALLOCATED FOR HOUSING. AND I JUST  
11   WANT TO REITERATE WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID, THAT HOUSING IS THE  
12   ONLY ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO REDUCING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS.  
13   AND NO ONE I'VE EVER MET IN MY 11 YEARS OF WORKING ON SKID ROW  
14   HAS EVER DECLINED HOUSING OFFERED TO THEM. NEVER, EVER, NOT  
15   ONCE. AND SO THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE CANNOT MAKE DECISIONS FOR  
16   THEMSELVES OR WON'T MAKE GOOD DECISIONS IS JUST NOT TRUE. AND  
17   I HAD SOME OTHER COMMENTS BUT, AS I'VE HEARD THE COMMENTS  
18   ABOUT THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY, I WANT TO SAY THAT THAT IS ONE  
19   OF THE ONLY PLACES WHERE THERE IS A CONCENTRATION OF PERMANENT  
20   SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND A LARGE VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
21   PROVIDE IT WELL THAT HAVE PERMANENTLY ENDED HOMELESSNESS FOR  
22   THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. SO IF WE ONLY LOOK AT SKID ROW AS AN  
23   EXAMPLE OF WHAT WENT WRONG, WE'RE MISSING THE BOAT. AND THOSE  
24   THINGS SHOULD BE AND CAN BE SPREAD OUT REGIONALLY AND  
25   ABSOLUTELY I AGREE THAT A REGIONAL APPROACH IS NEEDED AND THAT





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1 MONEY NEEDS TO BE ALLOCATED THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY AND THAT  
2 PEOPLE NEED TO BE SERVED WHERE THEY ARE. BUT I JUST WANT TO,  
3 AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING THIS, NOT LOOK PAST THE  
4 REALLY GOOD PROGRAMS THAT EXIST. AS WELL AS JUST RAISING A  
5 COUPLE OF OTHER CONCERNS IN THE G.R. PILOT PROJECT, I THINK  
6 THAT THAT COULD BE A GREAT PROJECT AND PEOPLE ON G.R. ARE IN  
7 SERIOUS NEED OF ENOUGH MONEY TO ACTUALLY SECURE HOUSING. SO I  
8 JUST HOPE THAT THERE'S FLEXIBILITY IN THIS PILOT PROGRAM TO  
9 MAKE SURE THAT IT WORKS BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE THAT-- WELL, I'M  
10 QUITE SURE THAT ON \$300 A MONTH FOR THE HOUSING SUBSIDY PEOPLE  
11 WON'T BE SUCCESSFUL IN FINDING HOUSING, AND WE SHOULD MAKE  
12 SURE THAT THAT PILOT PROJECT CAN WORK AND BE REPLICATED. AS  
13 WELL AS JUST THE-- I HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
14 STABILIZATION CENTERS AND THAT THEY BE LINKED TO EFFECTIVE  
15 PROGRAMS AND BE LINKED TO PERMANENT HOUSING. THERE'S A LOT OF  
16 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT DIRECT--  
17 EITHER DIRECTLY MOVE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING OR FAIRLY  
18 QUICKLY MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSE AND TO CREATE EMERGENCY  
19 SERVICES IN ISOLATION IS THE WRONG WAY TO GO AND I THINK WE'VE  
20 DONE THAT AT TIMES THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY AND I HOPE THAT,  
21 WITH THIS NEW MONEY, WE WON'T DO THAT. AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I  
22 SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS IS NOT THE LAST TIME IN YOUR  
23 POLITICAL CAREER THAT YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO  
24 SOMETHING THIS HISTORIC. YOU SAID IT MIGHT BE YOUR ONLY  
25 CHANCE. I HOPE THAT THERE'S MANY CHANCES IN THE COMING YEARS



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1 BECAUSE THIS IS A GREAT STEP BY THE COUNTY AND HOPEFULLY WE  
2 CAN FIND SIMILAR AMOUNTS OF MONEY AS THE YEARS GO ON.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP RUTH  
5 SCHWARTZ.

6

7 **JEFF DAVIS:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MY NAME IS JEFF DAVIS AND I  
8 RESIDE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND LIVE IN EAGLE ROCK. AND, SIX  
9 MONTHS AGO, I WAS HOMELESS. ZEV, I AGREE WITH YOU, THIS IS  
10 ABOUT CHANGING THE WAY WE THINK AND THAT'S WHY I VOTED FOR YOU  
11 TWICE FOR CITY COUNCIL WHEN I LIVED IN HANCOCK PARK. SEVEN  
12 DAYS AFTER I PICKED MY BABY UP FROM MY POOL SEVEN YEARS AGO, I  
13 STARTED AN EWACK PROGRAM IN RAMONA HALL THAT'S DOWN THE STREET  
14 FROM YOU THAT KEEPS 300 YOUNG PEOPLE OFF THE STREET. I WAS AN  
15 EDUCATOR FOR L.A.U.S.D. FOR 15 YEARS. I'VE HAD THE FORTUNE OF  
16 KING/DREW SAVING MY LIFE TWICE, ONCE WHEN I WAS 5150 BECAUSE I  
17 WAS SUICIDAL AND ANOTHER TIME WHEN I HAD ABSCESSSES AND HAD A  
18 HERNIATED DISK. I AM NOT THE TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF A HOMELESS  
19 PERSON. I HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE, A MASTER'S DEGREE AND WENT  
20 TO LOYOLA FOR THREE YEARS. I HAVE-- I HAD THREE BEAUTIFUL  
21 CHILDREN AND A WIFE AND LIVED IN A 4,000-SQUARE-FOOT HOUSE IN  
22 HANCOCK PARK UNTIL SEVEN YEARS AGO WHEN I PICKED MY BABY UP  
23 AND THEN A TRAGIC DESCENT WHICH LED TO CRYSTAL METH, CHEMICAL  
24 ADDICTION AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I AM  
25 SO EXCITED WHEN I HEAR ABOUT YOU ALL DOING THIS BECAUSE IT'S



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1 NOT ABOUT-- IT'S NOT ABOUT PUTTING MONEY WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT  
2 NEEDED, IT'S ABOUT REDEVELOPING HUMAN BEHAVIOR. IT'S ABOUT  
3 SHIFTING PEOPLE'S PARADIGM AND HAVING THEM THINK THAT THEY'RE  
4 VALUABLE WHEN THEY DON'T THINK THAT THEY'RE VALUABLE. THAT'S  
5 WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, ZEV, IT'S ABOUT CREATING A THINK TANK,  
6 LIKE RAND, OF HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO CAN THINK AND TELL YOU WHAT  
7 WILL WORK AND WHAT WON'T WORK BECAUSE WHAT I HEAR IS, YOU ALL  
8 DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS BUT YOU ALL AREN'T INCLUDING HOMELESS  
9 PEOPLE AND FORMER HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE BOARDS AND IN THE  
10 PROCESS SO YOU'RE GOING TO END UP IN THE SAME SITUATION. WHEN  
11 YOU SAY A WOMAN WHO DOESN'T WANT TO ACCEPT HER MEDICATION, I  
12 WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED, AFTER 20 YEARS OF DEPRESSION, AS BEING  
13 BIPOLAR. NOW, IF THE ORGANIZATION THAT TRIES TO GIVE ME  
14 MEDICATION I DON'T TRUST, I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THE MEDICINE  
15 FROM THEM BECAUSE I DON'T TRUST THEM. SO IT'S NOT ABOUT  
16 GETTING A HOMELESS PERSON TO TAKE THEIR MEDS. IT'S ABOUT  
17 SHIFTING THEIR PARADIGM AND THEIR THINKING TO WHERE THEY THINK  
18 THAT THEY CAN TRUST YOU, LIKE DR. SOUTHARD SAID, SO THAT THEN  
19 THEY'LL TAKE THEIR MEDS, SO THAT THEN THEY'LL ACCEPT THE  
20 SERVICES THAT YOU WANT. AND SO MY REQUEST FROM YOU ALL IS THAT  
21 YOU DON'T PUT A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS INTO AN  
22 UNCOMPASSIONATE D.P.S. GROUP OF FOLKS WHO DON'T GET IT AND  
23 THAT YOU INCREASE THE ABILITY FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE TO  
24 PARTICIPATE IN PAID AND UNPAID COMMISSIONS AND POSITIONS AND  
25 THAT YOU STAY AWAY FROM EXPERTS BECAUSE EXPERTS WHO HAVE NOT



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1 BEEN HOMELESS ARE NOT EXPERTS, YOU KNOW? INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO  
2 ARE EXPERTS BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN THERE AND THEY'VE WORKED.  
3 I'VE WORKED FOR 30 YEARS. I'M AN EXPERT AT WORKING AND NOW I'M  
4 A EXPERT AT BEING A CHEMICALLY ADDICTED-- FORMERLY CHEMICALLY  
5 ADDICTED HOMELESS PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS THE CARE AND  
6 COMPASSION THAT IT NEEDS TO GET THAT PROGRAM. AND WITH REGARD  
7 TO TRACKING, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I RECOMMENDED TO L.A.U.S.D. 20  
8 YEARS AGO WHEN THEY WERE DOING GRANT G.A.I.N. PROGRAMS THAT  
9 THERE NEEDS TO BE A 2-DIGIT SUFFIX THAT YOU CAN PUT ON  
10 SOMEBODY'S I.D. NUMBER SO THAT YOU COULD CREATE CODES TO TRACK  
11 THEM AND IT COULD GO ON THE END OF A, WHAT, A SOCIAL SECURITY  
12 NUMBER, A TWO DIGIT TRACKING AND IT WOULD ALLOW YOU ALL TO  
13 TRACK AND DO UNBELIEVABLE THINGS BUT DON'T KEEP US OUT. AND  
14 HOMELESS PEOPLE, BY THE WAY, CANNOT GET AN I.D., WHICH MEANS  
15 THEY CAN'T GET A POST OFFICE BOX BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE AN  
16 ADDRESS, WHICH IS A PROBLEM THAT I HAD. I COULDN'T GET A POST  
17 OFFICE BOX AFTER I'D HAD A POST OFFICE BOX FOR 20 YEARS AS A  
18 NON-HOMELESS PERSON AND THEY KNEW ME, BECAUSE I HAD NO  
19 ADDRESS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **ROBIN CONNERLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY  
24 NAME IS ROBIN CONNERLY, I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LOS  
25 ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, YOUR CREATION. WE



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1 APPRECIATE THE PROMINENT ROLE THAT THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN TODAY  
2 IN ADDRESSING THE HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF THE ALMOST  
3 90,000 HOMELESS RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY AND WE BELIEVE THAT  
4 HOMELESSNESS CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IF WE ALL STICK TO  
5 OUR PLANS. THE HOMELESS INITIATIVES PRESENTED TODAY WILL GO  
6 FAR IN JUMPSTARTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRING L.A. HOME  
7 PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS IN 10 YEARS, DUE TO BE UNVEILED ON  
8 THURSDAY. THE EYES OF WASHINGTON, D.C., ARE ON LOS ANGELES AS  
9 WE HAVE THE LARGEST IDENTIFIED HOMELESS PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY  
10 AND, BEGINNING WITH THESE INITIATIVES, THEY WILL SEE THE  
11 COUNTY'S RESOLVE AND CREATIVITY IN ADDRESSING THIS VERY  
12 DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX CHALLENGE. L.A.H.S.A. IS PLEASED TO BE A  
13 PARTNER IN THIS EFFORT AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T SAY  
14 SOMETHING ABOUT THE AGENCY THAT I HAVE BEEN WITH FOR ALMOST 10  
15 YEARS. I AM EXTREMELY AWARE, AS IS ALL OF OUR STAFF, OF THE  
16 DIFFICULT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE FACED OVER THIS  
17 PAST YEAR AND WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S HELP IN HANDLING THE  
18 CHALLENGES. AS WE'VE GONE THROUGH THIS, NO FRAUD HAS BEEN  
19 DISCOVERED, NO IMPROPRIETIES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AND OUR  
20 FINANCIAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. WE HAVE A CLEAN AUDIT AND  
21 WE ALSO HAVE A BRAND NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WHO STARTED  
22 YESTERDAY, MONDAY. WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS A LITTLE BIT, SOME  
23 BASIC FACTS ABOUT L.A.H.S.A. WE OPERATE ON A 7 TO 8%  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD. I DOUBT IF ANY OF THE COUNTY  
25 DEPARTMENTS ARE ASKED TO SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE THIS ON THAT



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1 KIND OF OVERHEAD. WE HAVE 35 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. THAT'S  
2 IT. WE HAVE 35. AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH THAT? EVERY YEAR,  
3 WE BRING \$60 MILLION INTO THE COUNTY IN FEDERAL FUNDS HOMELESS  
4 HOUSING AND SERVICES. LAST YEAR, WE CONDUCTED THE FIRST EVER  
5 HOMELESS COUNT AND THE STATISTICS THAT MR. JANSSEN TALKED TO  
6 YOU ABOUT TODAY WERE FROM THAT PARTICULAR HOMELESS COUNT. WE  
7 DID THAT WITH TWO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. WE ADMINISTER 200 TO  
8 250 CONTRACTS EVERY SINGLE YEAR AND WE HAVE INSTITUTED  
9 PERFORMANCE MEASURES ON THOSE CONTRACTS, OUTCOME MEASURES SO  
10 THAT WE KNOW HOW THEY ARE PERFORMING AND OUR OUTCOME MEASURES  
11 ARE NOW BASED ON HOW PEOPLE MOVE THROUGH THE CONTINUUM OF  
12 CARE, DO THEY GET SHELTER, DO THEY GET TRANSITIONAL HOUSING,  
13 ARE THEY MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING? AND, LASTLY, WE HAVE  
14 ALSO IMPLEMENTED AND ARE WORKING ON A HOMELESS MANAGEMENT  
15 INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT WILL ACTUALLY TRACK OUR CLIENTS, TRACK  
16 HOMELESS CLIENTS THROUGH THE MAZE OF HOUSING AND SERVICES THAT  
17 EXIST IN THIS COUNTY SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT WORKS AND WE CAN  
18 PASS THAT ON TO YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENTS. WE RESPECTFULLY  
19 REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS AGENCY. WE KNOW WE CAN DO A GOOD  
20 JOB AND BE A GOOD PARTNER FOR YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP RHONDA  
23 MEISTER AND TONI REINIS. TONI? IS RHONDA HERE?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SHE LEFT EARLIER.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LISA FISHER. SHE LEFT? AND  
3 ADALEE WERTMAN AND PAUL FREEZE. PAUL? OKAY. YES.

4

5 **CARRIE GATLIN:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. WAS I NEXT?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. GO ON.

8

9 **CARRIE GATLIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD AND MR. MAYOR. CARRIE  
10 GATLIN WITH EIUMAGO. I OVERSEE THE FOUNDATION FOR THE UNION  
11 RESCUE MISSION AND I, TOO, WANT TO COMPLIMENT LARI AND MR.  
12 JANSSEN FOR PUTTING SOME-- SO MUCH THOUGHT INTO THIS PLAN.  
13 THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A SYSTEM-WIDE PROBLEM, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A  
14 SYSTEM-WIDE APPROACH TO RECOVERY, IF YOU WILL. I AM NOT GOING  
15 TO TALK ABOUT WOMEN AND CHILDREN ON THE STREETS OF SKID ROW  
16 TODAY BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH DISCUSSION ABOUT  
17 THAT AND I'M AFRAID I'LL LOSE MY JOB IF I DO. SO I'M GOING TO  
18 TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE OF REENTRY BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING  
19 THAT'S NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. I'VE BEEN A VOLUNTEER  
20 CHAPLAIN FOR ABOUT 16 YEARS AND I THINK THAT LOS ANGELES NEEDS  
21 TO DO SOME WORK IN THIS AREA. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT IN  
22 HOUSTON'S DRUG COURT LAST WEEK AND-- AT A CONFERENCE ON PRISON  
23 REENTRY AND IT'S AN AREA THAT SO MANY MAJOR METROPOLITAN  
24 CITIES HAVE IGNORED BUT SO MANY OF THEM NOW ARE GETTING THE  
25 PICTURE THAT WE CAN SPEND ABOUT \$6,000 A YEAR ON REENTRY



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1 PROGRAMS THAT WORK ON JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT INSTEAD OF  
2 UPWARDS OF \$35,000 A YEAR TO INCARCERATE SOMEBODY OVER AND  
3 OVER AGAIN THAT HAS A DRUG PROBLEM OR THAT HAS A MINOR PAROLE  
4 VIOLATION FOR TESTING DIRTY ON A DRUG TEST. WE HAVE 2.1  
5 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES IN PRISON. THAT DOES NOT  
6 INCLUDE OUR COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE AND  
7 THERE ARE VERY FEW PROGRAMS THAT WORK ON THE ISSUE OF PRISON  
8 REENTRY. SINCE 1992, THE NUMBER INCARCERATIONS HAS INCREASED  
9 BY 61%. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY KNOWS THAT IN THE ROOM BUT  
10 THAT'S STAGGERING, YET VIOLENT CRIME AND BURGLARY AND CRIMES  
11 OF THAT NATURE HAVE ACTUALLY DECREASED, SHOWING ME THAT THE  
12 RATES OF IMPRISONMENT HAVE VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH CRIME RATES.  
13 IT'S HOW OUR SOCIETY DECIDES TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO FIND  
14 THEMSELVES INCARCERATED AND WE JUST DON'T INVEST IN THESE  
15 PEOPLE WHO WE CONSIDER TO BE MARGINALIZED. I'M EXCITED. WE  
16 HAVE A VERY CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT, THE COMMUNITY TRANSITION UNIT. WE HAVE ONE OF 16  
18 NATIONAL SITES FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT CALLED READY FOR  
19 WORK, PLACING PEOPLE IN JOBS AND WITH MENTORS AND WORKING WITH  
20 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CHRYSALIS THAT DO THIS WELL ALREADY SO I,  
21 TOO, WOULD LIKE TO SEE US WORK WITH PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEST  
22 PRACTICES, THAT HAVE EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR THIS TYPE OF WORK  
23 INSTEAD OF-- IT WAS VERY DISCONCERTING IN NOVEMBER WHEN  
24 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ALLOCATED \$20 MILLION NATIONALLY FOR  
25 PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE AND ONLY FUNDED THREE SITES THAT



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1 THEY HAD INVESTED ALREADY \$20 MILLION IN THAT WERE SHOWING US  
2 76% JOB PLACEMENT AND RETENTION RATE BECAUSE OF POLITICAL  
3 ISSUES AND BECAUSE OF THE BUREAUCRACY. SO I'M HOPING THAT THAT  
4 DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THIS CASE. I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO  
5 REALLY SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TALKING TO TWO PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING  
6 THAT THAT ARE IN THE TRENCHES ALREADY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE FINAL SPEAKER COMING UP TO JOIN  
9 THE OTHERS WILL BE CASEY HEARN. YES?

10

11 **RUTH SCHWARZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. RUTH SCHWARTZ WITH SHELTER  
12 PARTNERSHIP AND, AGAIN, I WANT TO GIVE YOU ACCOLADES FOR ALL  
13 THE HARD WORK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOUR STAFF AND THE  
14 C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S FOR THIS WHAT I THINK  
15 HAS, OBVIOUSLY, HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE HISTORIC EFFORT. WE WERE  
16 CREATED 21 YEARS AGO AND I DON'T THINK, I MEAN, I KNOW, I'VE  
17 GOT A LITTLE HISTORY, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T LOOK THAT OLD, THAT,  
18 YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE MAJOR RESOURCE OR THE MAJOR PLAN THAT'S  
19 BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THE COUNTY. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF SMALL  
20 THINGS BUT THIS COMING TOGETHER IS VERY EXCITING. I WANT TO--  
21 I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS. I WANT TO SAY,  
22 IN THESE 21 YEARS, WE KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT HOMELESS AND HOW  
23 TO ADDRESS HOMELESS AND HOW TO BE SMART ABOUT IT. WE KNOW  
24 ABOUT THE MODELS. AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SPOKE ABOUT, SAVE  
25 HAVENS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE



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1 KNOW ABOUT PROGRAMS LIKE THAT, WE KNOW ABOUT PERMANENT  
2 SUPPORTED HOUSING. WE KNOW WHAT'S NEEDED IN OUR EMERGENCY  
3 SHELTERS AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD ALSO FOR WORKING WITH  
4 THE CITY RECENTLY TO EXPAND THAT PROGRAM AND CONTINUE IT. WE  
5 KNOW WHAT WE NEED IN ADDITION TO MAKE THESE PROGRAMS WORK, SO  
6 WE'RE A LOT SMARTER I THINK THAN WE WERE 21 YEARS AGO. THERE'S  
7 A LOT MORE DATA INFORMATION MODELS THAT WE CAN DRAW FROM AND  
8 PEOPLE WE CAN DRAW FROM AND WE KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT THE  
9 PEOPLE. WE KNOW THAT A QUARTER OF THEM ARE FAMILIES WITH  
10 CHILDREN, THE POPULATION THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA SPOKE SO  
11 ELOQUENTLY ABOUT, WE KNOW THAT 55% ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS OF  
12 THE SINGLE INDIVIDUALS, MEANING THAT THEY HAVE A DISABILITY  
13 AND THEY'VE BEEN LONG-TERM HOMELESS. OVER HALF OF OUR HOMELESS  
14 POPULATION, SINGLE PEOPLE, AND I THINK WE OBSERVE THAT, WE ALL  
15 SEE THAT, BUT NOW WE HAVE DATA THAT MAKES IT CLEAR. IT MEANS  
16 THAT HOW WE APPROACH THOSE PEOPLE AND WHAT WE DO, BECAUSE THEY  
17 HAVE A LOT OF DISABILITIES AND THEY HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR  
18 LONG PERIODS OF TIME, THAT THEY CALL FOR SPECIAL APPROACHES.  
19 AND SO WE NEED TO BE VERY SMART ABOUT HOW WE DO THAT AND I  
20 THINK WE CAN BE VERY SMART. I WANT TO ADVOCATE TO, LIKE, THE  
21 CITY OF INDUSTRY BUT DIFFERENT, CREATE A PIPELINE WHERE WE  
22 LEVERAGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DOLLARS,  
23 THIS KIND OF COUNTY DOLLARS AS WELL AS MONEY FROM THE MENTAL  
24 HEALTH SERVICES ACT THAT PROVIDES OPERATING SUPPORT AND  
25 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, MAYBE WITH SOME CITY MONEY AND CREATE



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1 THAT PIPELINE SO WE CAN REALLY CREATE THAT INDUSTRY TO DEVELOP  
2 THAT HOUSING. BECAUSE DOING PROJECTS ONE BY ONE, THAT'S FINE,  
3 BUT, YOU KNOW, SHOULDN'T WE BE BRINGING IT TO SCALE AND CAN WE  
4 GET IT TO SCALE WITH THESE KINDS OF RESOURCES AND EXPANDING  
5 THE GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE TO COVER ALL OF THE COUNTY? AND THEN  
6 LAST THING IS THAT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT, WHATEVER  
7 WE DO, THAT WE DON'T CREATE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS BY HAVING,  
8 LIKE, HIGH VOTE LIMITS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO MAKE THESE  
9 DEVELOPMENTS HAPPEN BECAUSE, AS WE KNOW, THEY ARE HARD TO  
10 HAPPEN AND EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO EASE THAT, I THINK WE CAN  
11 CREATE A PIPELINE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO DO THAT. AND  
12 I'D LIKE TO SEE US DO THAT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **ADLEY WERTMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADLEY WERTMAN. I'M  
15 THE CEO OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED CHRYSALIS. WE ARE  
16 THE ONLY NONPROFIT IN L.A. SOLELY DEVOTED TO HELPING HOMELESS  
17 AND FORMERLY HOMELESS BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT THROUGH JOBS  
18 ALONE. AND WE ARE ALSO SOMEWHAT UNIQUE IN HAVING AN OFFICE AND  
19 SERVING PEOPLE BOTH IN DOWNTOWN, IN SANTA MONICA, AND IN  
20 PACOIMA AND WE SERVE ABOUT 2,500 PEOPLE A YEAR WITH A 93%  
21 SUCCESS RATE GETTING THEM TO WORK. I REALLY WANT TO  
22 CONGRATULATE THE COUNTY HERE ON AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT. THIS  
23 IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT WE NEEDED TO SEE SINCE I JOINED THIS  
24 AFTER AN 18-YEAR IN INVESTMENT BANKING CAREER SIX YEARS AGO.  
25 WHAT I WAS TOLD WAS THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF LEADERSHIP AND



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1 ALL WE NEEDED IS LEADERSHIP. I THINK WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE  
2 TODAY IS REAL-- THE BEGINNINGS OF REAL LEADERSHIP IN ATTACKING  
3 THE HOMELESS PROBLEM. I DO WANT TO MAKE ONE CLARIFICATION,  
4 THOUGH. WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AS IF IT IS A  
5 DISEASE. AND HOMELESSNESS IS A SYMPTOM OF A DISEASE. THE  
6 DISEASE IS EXTREME POVERTY. HOMELESSNESS IS NOTHING MORE THAN  
7 ONE OF THE MOST WORST SYMPTOMS OF EXTREME POVERTY, AND WHAT WE  
8 HAVE TO GET WORKING ON, ONCE WE ALLEVIATE THIS HORRIBLE  
9 PROBLEM OF PEOPLE ON THE STREETS AND ONCE WE MOVE PEOPLE TO  
10 GET A LITTLE MORE STABILIZED IS HOW ARE WE GOING TO ALLEVIATE  
11 POVERTY? HOW ARE WE GOING TO MOVE PEOPLE TO JOBS? AND I REALLY  
12 WANT TO LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY, THE  
13 CITY, AS WE'VE DONE FOR YEARS NOW, THIS IS OUR 22ND YEAR, TO  
14 WORK ON PROGRAMS WHERE WE CAN LOOK AT HOW WE CAN ALLEVIATE THE  
15 DISEASE, HOW WE CAN REDUCE POVERTY, HOW WE CAN CREATE MORE  
16 JOBS, HOW WE CAN HELP MORE AND MORE PEOPLE MOVE OUT OF THIS  
17 HORRIBLE SITUATION INTO A POSITION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. OUR  
18 EXPERIENCE IS, IS THAT MOVING PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY, MOVING  
19 PEOPLE INTO JOBS IS ULTIMATELY THE ANSWER AND THE HOUSING  
20 ISN'T ALWAYS GOING TO BE FREE, AND THE SERVICES DON'T NEED TO  
21 BE FREE. THERE'S 88,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE TONIGHT. A SMALL  
22 PORTION OF THEM ARE THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL THAT WE'RE  
23 TALKING ABOUT AND WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. BUT THERE'S  
24 ANOTHER 80,000 PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP GETTING JOBS, WHO NEED  
25 HELP GETTING BACK ON THEIR FEET AND WHO REALLY, REALLY WANT TO





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1 TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS STEP. THIS  
2 IS FANTASTIC. STABILIZING THIS COMMUNITY IN THIS WAY IS  
3 EXTRAORDINARY AND, ONCE AGAIN, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
4 ALL OF YOU ON HOW TO GET THE NEXT STEP AND MOVE EVERYONE OUT  
5 OF POVERTY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MAYOR AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF  
8 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNCIL,  
9 ACTUALLY, I HAVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT THAT I'D LIKE TO GIVE TO  
10 THE BAILIFF. PUBLIC COUNCIL FULLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY  
11 SUPPORTS THIS INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THE FULL FUNDING AND  
12 ECHOES THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY MOST OF THE OTHER  
13 SPEAKERS. IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT PUBLIC COUNCIL DOES,  
14 WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE GENERAL POPULATION THROUGHOUT  
15 THE COUNTY WHO HAVE BEEN DISENFRANCHISED AND FOR WHOM MANY OF  
16 HOUSING OPTIONS HAVE EVAPORATED OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS. WE SEE  
17 THIS AS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID,  
18 A FOUNDATION THAT CAN BE BUILT UPON TO CREATE HOPE FOR THOSE  
19 WHO ARE MOST DISPOSSESSED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT WILL NOT GO  
20 ALL THE WAY BUT IT'S A CRITICAL FIRST STEP AND IT ADDRESSES  
21 MUCH OF THE PROBLEM THAT WE'VE SEEN OF WHY PEOPLE END UP ON  
22 SKID ROW, WHICH IS THE PROCESS OF BEING DETACHED FROM THEIR  
23 LOCAL COMMUNITIES. BY HAVING STABILIZATION CENTERS SPREAD  
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND WE AGREE, CITING IS GOING TO BE A  
25 CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THIS, BUT, BY HAVING STABILIZATION



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1 CENTERS CITED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, WE GO A LONG WAY  
2 TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE PROCESS OF DISPOSSESSION AND DETACHMENT  
3 THAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO REACH THE FURTHEST POINT OF ALIENATION  
4 WHEREBY THEY END UP ON SKID ROW. ONE OF THE GREAT ADVANTAGES  
5 OF HAVING A STABILIZATION CENTER IS YOU CAN INVOLVE THE  
6 COMMUNITY IN HELPING PEOPLE REMAIN CLOSE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES  
7 AND NOT END UP BEING CENTRALLY LOCATED ON SKID ROW, WHERE  
8 THEIR HELPLESSNESS IS EXASPERATED[SIC]. ANOTHER COMPONENT OF  
9 THIS THAT WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT IS THE ROLE THAT COURTS  
10 CAN PLAY IN HELPING PLAY A COOPERATIVE ROLE IN HELPING  
11 MINIMIZE EXPOSURE TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH  
12 FURTHER ALIENATES PEOPLE, AND ALSO PROVIDING A RANGE OF SOCIAL  
13 SERVICE OPTIONS TO THEM THAT CAN HELP THEM FIND THEIR WAY BACK  
14 HOME TO THE LIFE OF DECENCY AND DIGNITY THAT THEY DESERVE. WE  
15 ALSO SUPPORT THE RENTAL SUBSIDIES, WHICH GOES A LONG WAY  
16 TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM WE HAVE AMONG THE GENERAL  
17 POPULATION, MOST OF WHOM, AND I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND, WILL NOT GO  
18 TO SKID ROW TO GET-- EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN GET HOUSING THERE,  
19 IF THEY'RE OUTSIDE THE SKID ROW AREA, THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE  
20 HOUSED ON SKID ROW. THIS PLAN WILL ENABLE THEM TO HAVE OPTIONS  
21 OUTSIDE OF SKID ROW. AND, FOR THOSE REASONS, WE  
22 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT IT. I'LL CONCLUDE, FIRST OF ALL, TO  
23 THANK AND COMMEND THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK OF  
24 ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN THIS PROCESS. AND FINALLY TO QUOTE  
25 ALBERT COMMU, WHO SAID, "WE CANNOT CREATE A WORLD IN WHICH



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1 CHILDREN WILL NEVER SUFFER BUT WE CAN REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
2 SUFFERING CHILDREN." IN THE SAME WAY, WE CANNOT PERHAPS END  
3 HOMELESSNESS FOREVER BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY GREATLY REDUCE THE  
4 RANKS AND THIS PLAN IS GOING A LONG WAY TOWARDS DOINGS THAT,  
5 SO THANK YOU.

6

7 **CASEY HARAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CASEY HARAN AND I'M  
8 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LAMP COMMUNITY. WE'RE A SKID ROW-  
9 BASED NONPROFIT THAT SERVES THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, MENTALLY  
10 ILL AND WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY ENDED THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF  
11 HOMELESSNESS. AND I APPLAUD YOUR PLAN FOR MANY REASONS,  
12 LARGELY BECAUSE YOU'RE INVESTING THE BULK OF MONEY IN HOUSING.  
13 AND I KNOW I'VE HEARD A LOT OF DISCUSSION TODAY ABOUT THE  
14 COMPLEXITY OF THE CHALLENGES PEOPLE FACE. THE ONE AREA WHERE I  
15 DISAGREE IS THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SOLUTION. THERE IS A  
16 SOLUTION, IT'S NOT INTRACTABLE. THERE IS A WAY TO GET PEOPLE  
17 OFF THE L.A. STREETS AND WHAT IT MEANS IS NOT ARRESTING THEM  
18 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A HOME OR BECAUSE THEY'RE MENTALLY ILL  
19 OR WAREHOUSING THEM IN A SHELTER OR MERELY DOING ON THE SPOT  
20 TRIAGE WITH COUNSELORS OR OUTREACH WORKERS BUT IT MEANS  
21 WHISKING THEM INTO AN APARTMENT, REALLY NO STRINGS ATTACHED.  
22 WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED, BOTH IN L.A. AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY,  
23 IS THAT, WHEN WE DEVELOP THIS HOUSING AND WHEN WE DEVELOP  
24 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE STABILIZATION SERVICES,  
25 THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND IMPLEMENT HOUSING AND SERVICES



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1 THAT ARE WHAT WE CALL LOW THRESHOLD. THAT IT'S UNREALISTIC FOR  
2 US TO THINK THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SELF-MEDICATED USING DRUGS,  
3 BEEN ON THE STREETS FOR YEARS, ARE GOING TO PUT DOWN THE  
4 DRUGS, ARE GOING TO PUT DOWN THE BOTTLE AND IMMEDIATELY BECOME  
5 ABSTINENT. PEOPLE WILL NOT-- AT LAMP, WE'VE WORKED WITH PEOPLE  
6 WHO HAVE BEEN DISENFRANCHISED FROM MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FROM  
7 10 AND 15 YEARS. OFTEN WE GET THEM INTO HOUSING AND LITERALLY,  
8 AFTER A PERIOD OF NINE, 10 DAYS, THEY ARE ON PSYCHOTROPIC  
9 MEDICATIONS. THE HOUSING IS THE KEY, SO WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE  
10 HOUSING FIRST AND THEN, FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT, THE SERVICES  
11 THAT ARE AVAILABLE DOWN THE HALL, IN THE BUILDING. AND THE  
12 RESULTS ARE REMARKABLE. HOUSING STABILITY SOARS TO RATES OF  
13 80% AND ABOVE, SO WE CAN END HOMELESSNESS IF, IN FACT, WE  
14 OFFER LOW THRESHOLD HOUSING AND, FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT,  
15 SERVICES THAT ARE EITHER ON-SITE OR IN VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY.  
16 SO, AGAIN, I APPLAUD THE GREAT WORK YOU DID. IT'S REALLY THE  
17 BEST PLAN THAT I'VE EVER READ SINCE I'VE BEEN IN LOS ANGELES  
18 IN TERMS OF A LOCAL SOLUTION. THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAVE  
19 BEEN UNDERSPENDING FOR YEARS AND THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN  
20 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, SO THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. JANSSEN, IN YOUR  
23 ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE A NEW BUDGET UNIT TO RECEIVE  
24 THESE REVENUES, NOW YOU'RE RECOMMENDING A PFU. WHY HAVE YOU  
25 CHANGED THAT RECOMMENDATION?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOW, MR. MAYOR, WE HAVEN'T CHANGED OUR  
3 RECOMMENDATION. THE EFFECT WOULD BE THE SAME, WHETHER IT'S A  
4 BUDGET UNIT OR PUT IT IN PROVISIONAL FINANCE, AND THEY'RE BOTH  
5 THREE VOTES. THE ISSUE, I THINK, BEFORE YOU IS WHETHER YOU  
6 WANT IT TO BE THREE VOTES TO TAKE IT OUT OF WHATEVER UNIT IT'S  
7 IN OR WHETHER YOU WANT FOUR VOTES, AND WE STILL RECOMMEND THAT  
8 YOU DO A THREE-VOTE UNIT, BUDGET UNIT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE US  
11 PRIOR TO THE BUDGET PROCESS? WHY ARE YOU JUMP-STARTING THE  
12 BUDGET PROCESS?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'RE ACTUALLY-- MR. MAYOR, WE'RE ACTUALLY  
15 LATE. THE REPORT WAS DUE JANUARY THE 28TH FROM ALL OF THE  
16 BOARD MOTIONS, SO WE ARE LATE IN TERMS OF DIRECTION FROM THE  
17 BOARD.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT WHY ISN'T IT PUT OVER UNTIL  
20 BUDGET, AS WE HAVE DONE OTHER REPORTS BASED UPON THE '06/'07  
21 BUDGET? I MEAN, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT HAVE  
22 FISCAL IMPLICATIONS AND THE BOARD HAS VOTED TO PUT THEM OVER  
23 DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE ENTIRE  
24 BUDGET AS WE MAKE OUR PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, YOU CERTAINLY CAN DO THAT. HONESTLY, I  
2 DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT. I THINK IT'S...

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR THE SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT.

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK IT'S-- WELL, I THINK WE'VE ALREADY  
8 EXPLAINED THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY INTO THE  
9 SHERIFF'S BUDGET, WHETHER IT'S DONE NOW OR IN JUNE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I MEAN, THE PRINCIPAL, THE PROCESS...

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT THIS-- THIS-- WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS A  
14 PRIORITY OF ALL FIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND YOU CERTAINLY CAN  
15 CONTINUE IT TO BUDGET BUT WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT  
16 YOU ACT ON IT TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE NOT SPENDING THE MONEY UNTIL THE  
19 '06/'07 YEAR?

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21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, BUT WE'LL LOSE THAT AMOUNT OF TIME IN  
22 DEVELOPING IMPLEMENTATION PLANS, WHICH NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE  
23 WE CAN IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THIS IS AN '06/'07 FISCAL PROPOSAL?





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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE'RE TAKING IT OUT OF-- AGAIN, I  
5 SAID JUMPSTARTING IT FROM THE BUDGET PROCESS WHERE WE HAVE ALL  
6 THE OTHER, FROM LIBRARY HOURS TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY,  
7 PROBATION, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF AND OTHER VITAL  
8 SERVICES. SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS AN AMENDMENT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT THE-- I MEAN, WE'RE ASKING-- WE'RE NOT  
11 SPENDING MONEY TODAY, RIGHT? WE'RE ASKING TO COME BACK WITH AN  
12 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. THAT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WOULD BE READY  
13 WHEN, AROUND THE BUDGET TIME OR LONGER?

14

15 **LARI SHEEHAN:** SOME OF IT WILL. SOME OF IT WILL BE READY BY  
16 THEN. BUT, AGAIN, AS MR. JANSSEN SAID, BY-- WELL, IT'S A VERY  
17 AMBITIOUS PLAN AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY PIECES TO IT...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. SO,  
20 YOU KNOW, THAT SHOULD DEAL WITH MR. ANTONOVICH'S CONCERNS. THE  
21 FACT IS, IT'S NOT-- PART OF IT MAY COME BACK BY BUDGET AND  
22 OTHER PARTS THAT WON'T EVEN BE READY BY THEN, SO...

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I STILL WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT-- MY CONCERN IS IT'S  
2   NOT PART OF THE BASE BUDGET, I MEAN, AND THAT'S WHY I'M  
3   LOOKING AT THE DESIGNATION UNIT, BECAUSE I JUST DON'T THINK  
4   IT'S FAIR TO ANYONE TO GIVE THAT FALSE SENSE OF HOPE THAT  
5   WE'RE GOING TO HAVE \$100 MILLION, YOU KNOW, EACH AND EVERY  
6   YEAR OR AS WE GO ON THE OUT, TO CONTINUE TO SPEND THAT KIND OF  
7   MONEY BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT OUTLOOK-- WE'VE GOT  
8   ISSUES IN '07/'08 WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT WE'RE GOING  
9   TO BE CONFRONTED WITH. IF IT WENT TO A P.F.U., IT WOULD BE A  
10   3-VOTE ITEM BUT IT WOULDN'T BE PART OF THE BASE BUDGET, IS  
11   THAT CORRECT?

12

13   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, IT HAS TO BE PART OF THE BASE BUDGET  
14   WHENEVER WE TAKE THAT ACTION, BUT IT'S NOT A HUNDRED MILLION  
15   ONGOING. THE 80 MILLION IS ONLY ONE TIME, SO THE GENERAL FUND  
16   PORTION THAT'S ONGOING IS 15.6 MILLION. THAT'S THE FIGURE THAT  
17   YOU NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IN TERMS OF ITS AFFORDABILITY.  
18   WE'RE NOT RECOMMENDING, NEXT YEAR, ANOTHER 80 MILLION. WE  
19   DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER 80 MILLION. WE DO KNOW WE  
20   HAVE THIS 80 MILLION.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE APPROVING A PLAN TODAY WITH THIS MONEY IN  
23   IT?

24

25   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A COMMITMENT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GETTING READY TO START  
5 ALLOCATING IT, SPENDING IT, UTILIZING IT, PUTTING IT IN PLACE,  
6 RIGHT? OKAY. SO I WANTED THAT TO BE UNDERSTOOD. I UNDERSTAND  
7 THE 80,000 REQUIRES-- THE REPORT SAYS YOU'RE GOING TO COME  
8 BACK WITH A REPORT FOR US.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE OTHER IS GOING TO START ROLLING, I HOPE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT EVEN THE 80 MILLION, I THINK YOU'RE  
15 REFERRING TO THE 80 MILLION, EVEN THE 80 MILLION...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AT LEAST START THE PROCESS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...IS A COMMITMENT.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S THE SIGNIFICANCE-- AND THAT'S  
2   REALLY A POLICY DECISION FOR US. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT,  
3   IN LIGHT OF EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON, THAT WE MAKE THAT  
4   COMMITMENT NOW AND THEN DOVETAIL THIS PLAN INTO WHAT ELSE IS  
5   BEING DONE, AND REALLY INTEGRATE IT INTO WHAT ELSE IS BEING  
6   DONE BY US, AS WELL AS BY THE OTHER CITIES AND I FRANKLY-- I  
7   MEAN, YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE-- MOST OF THIS IS ONE-TIME  
8   MONEY. SO THE QUESTION IS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO SUSTAIN IT  
9   OVER THE YEARS IS NOT AN ISSUE BECAUSE, AT THIS POINT, THERE'S  
10  NOT A-- THE COMMITMENT IS LARGELY A ONE-TIME COMMITMENT.

11

12  **SUP. KNABE:** THE 80 MILLION IS A ONE-TIME...

13

14  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.

15

16  **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

17

18  **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO IS THE 15 MILLION BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T  
19  ALLOCATED IT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. I MEAN, TECHNICALLY,  
20  THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

23

24  **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, THE EXPLANATION IS THAT THE 15.6 IS  
25  TO BE ONGOING. BUT IF IT'S IN THE BASE BUDGET YEAR, IT'S IN



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1 THE BASE BUDGET YEAR FOR THIS YEAR, THE 80 MILLION, RIGHT, FOR  
2 '06/'07?

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AS A TECHNICAL MATTER, THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR  
5 '06/'07 WENT TO PRINT LAST WEEK. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE \$15.6  
6 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND BECAUSE YOUR BOARD HADN'T TAKEN AN  
7 ACTION YET. SO THAT WILL BE ADDED, ASSUMING YOU APPROVE IT, AS  
8 PART OF CHANGE LETTER THE END OF JUNE. THE 80 MILLION WILL  
9 EITHER COME OUT OF FUND BALANCE THIS YEAR OR OUT OF A CAPITAL  
10 RESERVE IN JUNE AS WELL AND BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET AT THAT  
11 TIME. SO I GUESS YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION ABOUT DESIGNATION  
12 IN JUNE BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MAKE A DECISION NOW ABOUT THE  
13 COMMITMENT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AGREE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MY ISSUE IS NOT COMMITMENT. MY ISSUE IS THAT, YOU  
18 KNOW, WE DON'T LEAD ANYONE TO BELIEVE THAT THE 80 MILLION IS  
19 ONGOING. THAT WAS THE WHOLE ISSUE OF MY DESIGNATION, NOT THE  
20 COMMITMENT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BUT I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR. WE'RE SAYING IT,  
23 THAT, RIGHT NOW, THAT'S ALL THAT'S AVAILABLE. IT'S JUST LIKE  
24 TO 50 MILLION FROM THE CITY, IT'S ONE-TIME TRUST FUND MONEY.  
25 THAT'S WHAT THIS IS, IT'S GOING INTO A FUND AND THEN THEY'RE



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1 GOING TO COME BACK HOPEFULLY WITH A SERIES OF OPTIONS, PLANS  
2 AS TO HOW IT'S GOING TO BE UTILIZED.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND ITEM NUMBER ONE OF THE BOARD LETTER SAYS,  
5 "IDENTIFY 80 MILLION IN ONE-TIME COUNTY FUNDS IN THE FISCAL  
6 YEAR '06/'07."

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THIS MAKES A COMMITMENT TO-- AND TO ALLOCATE  
9 IT FOR THE MOST PART AND THEN TO START THE PROCESS. NOT ONE  
10 DOLLAR IS BEING SPENT BY OUR AUTHORIZATION AT THIS MOMENT BUT  
11 HOPEFULLY THEY'RE GOING TO COME UP WITH A SERIES OF CONCEPTS  
12 AND IDEAS AS TO HOW WE CAN GET IT ALLOCATED. MS. BURKE AND I  
13 HAD MADE A MOTION ON IT A LONG TIME AGO, AND WE'VE BEEN  
14 WAITING AND SO IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A-- I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A  
19 AMENDMENT FIRST AND THEN YOU CAN MOVE IT. THE FIRST AMENDMENT  
20 I HAD READ WAS THE ONE RELATIVE GIVING THE-- DIRECTING THE  
21 C.A.O. TO DEVELOP THE EVALUATION SYSTEM CONSIDERING THE  
22 VARIOUS POINTS AND MR. JANSSEN SUPPORTS THAT. IS THAT CORRECT?

23

24 **C.A.O. DAVE JANSSEN:** ABSOLUTELY.

25





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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO...

2

3    **SUP. MOLINA:** I SUPPORT IT, TOO. I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING.

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED BY MS. MOLINA. WITHOUT  
6    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ON THE AMENDMENT JUST FOR THE EVALUATION  
9    MECHANISM, RIGHT?

10

11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. THE SECOND AMENDMENT, I WOULD  
12    MOVE THAT WE DELETE THAT PART OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE THAT  
13    PROVIDES HOUSING SERVICE TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. IS THERE A  
14    SECOND? OKAY. DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND. ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
15    MOTIONS?

16

17    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I HAD MY MOTION THAT I PUT OUT THERE AS PART  
18    OF THE GREEN SHEET. THERE WERE TWO PARTS TO IT. OBVIOUSLY-- I  
19    MEAN, I FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE ONE TIME ON THE 80  
20    MILLION. AND, IF IT'S GOING TO BE A REGIONAL SOLUTION, IT  
21    SHOULD BE FOUR VOTES. BECAUSE-- I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS  
22    A LOT OF CONVERSATION TODAY, I THINK, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A  
23    LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS, AGAIN, OTHER THAN SKID ROW THAT ARE  
24    DOING A LOT OUT THERE AND MY CONCERN IS WE DO GET OUR FAIR  
25    SHARE IN THE OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT



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1 OF GOOD THINGS GOING ON OUT THERE, I MEAN, LIKE, IN LONG  
2 BEACH, AT THE VILLAGES AND, YOU KNOW, WE JUST OPENED A SCHOOL  
3 FOR THE HOMELESS THERE IN LONG BEACH. AND SO THAT WAS MY  
4 CONCERN, ONE, THAT WE CLARIFY ONE TIME AND, TWO, THAT WE  
5 REALLY MOVED ON A REGIONAL BASIS AND TO VOTE FOUR VOTE ITEM.  
6 SO, I MEAN, IF THERE'S NOT SUPPORT FOR THAT, YOU KNOW, SO BE  
7 IT. BUT THE OTHER TWO PARTS OF THAT, THE FIRST I THEREFORE  
8 MOVE, THAT'S BASICALLY-- DOES EVERYONE HAVE THAT?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME JUST READ IT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S ON YOUR GREEN SHEET.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW BUT IS HE MOVING THE WHOLE THING OR JUST  
17 PART OF IT?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SAYS THAT "STABILIZATION MODELS OUTSIDE THE  
20 HOMELESS-- BE CONSIDERED AND INCORPORATED INTO PLANNING  
21 EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY FOR CITIES WHO IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR A  
22 STABILIZATION CENTER BUT ARE NOT WITHIN PROXIMITY TO ANY OF  
23 THE 16 HOMELESS ACCESS CENTERS."

24



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** IN OTHER WORDS, JUST TRY TO WORK WITH THE  
2    COMMUNITIES.

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY.

5

6    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE JUST THOUGHT THE ACCESS CENTERS WOULD BE A  
7    EASIER WAY TO GO, BUT ABSOLUTELY.

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA:** "THAT ANY ENHANCEMENT, EXPANSION OR ADDITION TO  
10   ANY OF THE 16 HOMELESS ... OR DEVELOPMENT OR ALTERNATIVE SITES  
11   MOVE FORWARD ONLY WITH A MAJORITY CONSENT OF THE LOCAL  
12   GOVERNING BODY." WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** THAT MEANS THAT, IF YOU HAVE-- IF YOU TRY TO PUT  
15   ONE IN A INCORPORATED CITY, THAT YOU'D HAVE THREE VOTES THERE  
16   TO DO IT. I MEAN...

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** THREE VOTES?

19

20   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, A MAJORITY, WELL, WHATEVER IT IS.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE:** IF IT'S THE CITY OF L.A., IT WOULD BE ALL-- EACH  
23   ONE OF THEM WOULD BE KIND OF TIED UP IN THE WHOLE CITY.

24



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, IN THE CITY OF L.A., YOU NEED EIGHT,  
2    RIGHT?

3

4    **SUP. BURKE:** YOU NEED EIGHT, YEAH.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, JUST, WHEN YOU'RE WORKING WITH AN  
7    INCORPORATED CITY, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN FORCE FEED A-- ONE  
8    OF THOSE CENTERS DOWN-- I MEAN, WE'RE TRYING TO BE INCLUSIVE,  
9    IS THAT CORRECT? I MEAN...

10

11   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT YOU'D HAVE TO MEET THEIR PLANNING-- THEIR  
12   ZONING AND PLANNING REQUIREMENTS ANYHOW SO THAT, IN EFFECT,  
13   THEY WOULD HAVE A VETO ON IT.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, YOU KNOW, MY ONLY CONCERN ABOUT THIS, I  
16   AGREE, I THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH THE CITIES AND WITH  
17   ANY AREA NO MATTER WHAT. I'D LIKE TO PUT IT IN A MORE POSITIVE  
18   TONE, IS THAT IT MOVE FORWARD ONLY WITH THE MAJORITY CONSENT.  
19   THAT SOUNDS SO NEGATIVE.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITH THE...

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

24

25   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WHATEVER, I MEAN, POSITIVE-- THAT'S FINE. I JUST  
3 THINK WE SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE  
6 AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE CITIES. I  
7 WOULD LIKE TO OFFER UP SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I'D LIKE TO WORK  
8 WITH ALL OF THE CITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AND I'D LIKE THEM TO  
9 EXPRESS WHATEVER CONCERNS THEY WOULD HAVE RIGHT UP FRONT TO US  
10 AS TO WHAT KIND OF CONCERNS THEY WOULD HAVE ABOUT LOCATING IT  
11 WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS ONLY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE CAN  
12 ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE ISSUES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A STABILIZATION CENTER IN  
15 PASADENA, UNION STATION. I JUST PUT IN \$1 MILLION. AND THEY  
16 HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, THE CITY OF  
17 PASADENA, THE NEIGHBORS OF THAT FACILITY. IT'S LOCATED ON  
18 RAYMOND, IT'S A PHENOMENAL PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND  
19 THOSE ARE THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS THAT WORK BECAUSE THEY HAVE A  
20 TOTAL COMMITMENT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AGREE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S WHAT SUPERVISOR KNABE IS  
25 TALKING ABOUT.





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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I WOULD AGREE, TOO, BUT I GUESS I AM  
3 INTERESTED IN ALSO FINDING OUT WHAT-- WHAT WOULD BE THE  
4 JURISDICTIONAL CONCERNS IN ANY OF THESE CITIES TO SAY, WELL,  
5 YEAH, WE COULD DO IT BUT WE WOULD WANT THE FOLLOWING SIX  
6 THINGS OR WHATEVER OR, NO, WE WOULDN'T DO IT OR, YOU KNOW, I  
7 WOULD BE, AS A COUNCIL PERSON, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE  
8 PARAMETERS ARE. I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT, AS WE  
9 CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE AND AS WE RECOGNIZE AND  
10 UNDERSTAND THE OVERALL COUNTYWIDE RESPONSIBILITY, I JUST THINK  
11 THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE TO LOCATING  
12 THESE FACILITIES THERE AND THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I WANT TO DO  
13 IT. I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE CAN'T GO INTO A CITY  
14 UNLESS THEY LET US IN.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION JUST TO AMEND THAT  
17 LANGUAGE, BECAUSE IT WOULD JUST SAY IN ANY ENHANCEMENT,  
18 EXPANSION OR ADDITION TO ANY OF THE 16 HOMELESS CENTERS OR  
19 DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SITES, MOVE FORWARD-- HANG ON--  
20 MOVE FORWARD ONLY-- IN ANY ENHANCEMENT, EXPANSION OR ADDITION  
21 ... MOVE FORWARD IN COOPERATION WITH. WHY DON'T WE JUST SAY IN  
22 COOPERATION WITH, RATHER THAN SUGGESTING THAT WE GIVE A CITY  
23 CITY A VETO POWER GOING IN BECAUSE I THINK THERE WOULD BE A  
24 LOT OF GIVE AND TAKE, POTENTIALLY, A LOT OF GIVE AND TAKE. SO



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1 WHY DON'T-- CAN WE WE SAY "IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL  
2 GOVERNING BODY"?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S MORE POSITIVE. AT THE END OF THE  
5 DAY, THEY CAN ALWAYS...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** "...AND THE COMMUNITY, THE COOPERATION OF  
8 THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE  
9 PROPOSED CENTER IS CITED."

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I GUESS-- I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT  
12 THE BARRIERS ARE FOR SOME OF THESE CITIES ACCEPTING SOME OF  
13 THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OBJECTION TO THAT LANGUAGE? IF  
16 NOT, SO ORDERED AS AN AMENDMENT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, THIS IS ONLY ON THESE TWO PORTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THOSE TWO PORTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND IT CLEARLY, OKAY?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS? DO YOU HAVE ANY  
25 OTHER AMENDMENTS, DON? OKAY. THEN WE HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE



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1 US. AND JUST LET ME SAY THAT MY CONCERNS IS THAT WE ARE JUMP  
2 STARTING THE BUDGET PROCESS. SYBIL BRAND IS IN NEED OF  
3 RENOVATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BED SPACE. THE PROPOSED  
4 BUDGET DOES NOT HAVE THE FULL FUNDING FOR THAT, AND IT'S A  
5 VITAL LINK INTO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. ALSO, THE ISSUE THAT  
6 STATE LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED TO MANDATE MENTAL HEALTH  
7 TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL, AND YOU NEED TO HAVE  
8 A COMPONENT WHERE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
9 USERS ARE INVOLVED IN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS TO GET THEIR  
10 LIVES STRAIGHTENED OUT SO THEY CAN GO BACK INTO BECOMING A  
11 PRODUCTIVE PERSON. WHEN ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMPSON AND I HELD THE  
12 PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE ARBORETUM A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO ON  
13 LAURA'S LAW, WE HAD AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVED ON THE STREET WHO  
14 WAS TOTALLY UNABLE TO CARE FOR HIMSELF. HE FINALLY WAS ABLE TO  
15 RECEIVE THE MEDICATION AND, AS A RESULT, WAS ABLE TO REPAIR  
16 HIS LIFE, THROUGH MEDICATION, AND RETURN TO J.P.L., WHERE HE  
17 WAS ONE OF THE TOP SCIENTISTS THAT WAS INVOLVED WITH THE MARS  
18 PROBE OR THE SATURN LAUNCH AND COMMENTING ON HOW THAT HELPED--  
19 THAT SAVED HIS LIFE, THAT MEDICATION, IT GOT HIM OFF THE  
20 STREET. AND THEN WE HEARD OTHER PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THEIR  
21 CHILDREN, THEY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE BUT THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO  
22 USE THAT INSURANCE BECAUSE THEIR CHILDREN WOULD PREFER TO LIVE  
23 UNDER A FREEWAY OR ON A COLD CURB. AND THAT'S A, SAD TO SAY, A  
24 LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ON OUR SKID ROWS WHO  
25 MAKE UP OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE POPULATION IN



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1 OUR SKID ROWS OF THIS COUNTY, STATE AND NATION. AND, UNTIL WE  
2 HAVE MEDICAL TREATMENT, WE'RE NOT MAKING THE NECESSARY REFORMS  
3 TO HELP THEM RESTORE THEIR LIVES. SO THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A QUESTION ON MR. KNABE'S  
6 MOTION? ARE YOU WITHDRAWING THE LAST PART?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, HE IS. WE ONLY PASSED THE FIRST TWO.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOTCHA.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. CALL THE ROLL. [ SNEEZING ]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOD BLESS YOU, BOB. TAKE CARE OF THAT  
15 COLD!

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CAN I PLEASE HAVE A MOTION ON THE-- MAY  
18 I PLEASE HAVE A MOTION, THEN, ON THE ENTIRE ITEM?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, A MOTION BY BURKE, SECONDED BY  
21 MOLINA.

22

23 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND THAT WOULD BE TO ADOPT THE CHIEF  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND INCLUDE THE TWO  
25 POINTS UNDER SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION AND SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTING TO  
2 KNOW THE CITY'S CONCERNS UP FRONT AS FAR AS...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I THINK WE BLENDED IT IN.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I ACTUALLY GAVE YOU SOME LANGUAGE.

7

8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** I HAVE THAT AMENDMENT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MINE IS OKAY AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE AMENDMENT.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

25



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1     **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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3     **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
6     ONE INDIVIDUAL. ANGIE. DAVID SANCHEZ. DAVID SANCHEZ. NO MR.  
7     SANCHEZ. WE WILL NOW GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. EXECUTIVE  
8     OFFICER WILL READ THE...

9

10    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
11    REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
12    SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
13    1, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE  
14    POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, AND  
15    CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, MICHAEL J. HENRY, DIRECTOR  
16    OF PERSONNEL. ITEM CS-2, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD  
17    PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
18    NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E. JANSSEN, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,  
19    AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND  
20    SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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1   REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 4, 2006

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5   CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

6   Consider candidates for appointment to the position of

7   Director of Community and Senior Services CONFERENCE WITH

8   LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

9

10   Agency Representative: Michael J. Henry, Director of

11   Personnel; Unrepresented Employee: Candidates for position of

12   Director of Community and Senior Services.

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14   Action Taken:

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16   The Board appointed Cynthia D. Banks to the position of

17   Director of Community and Senior Services, effective April 12,

18   2006; and instructed the Director of Personnel to negotiate an

19   annual salary and execute an at-will employment contract

20   subsequent to approval of an annual salary for Cynthia D.

21   Banks by the Board of Supervisors.

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23   The vote of the Board was unanimous.

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1 CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code  
2 Section 54957) Department Head performance evaluations.  
3 No reportable action was taken.

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5 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code  
6 Section 54957.6) Agency designated representatives David E.  
7 Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer, and designated staff

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9 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The  
10 Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 660, SEIU; Union of  
11 American Physicians and Dentists; Guild For Professional  
12 Pharmacists; Peace Officers Council of California; Association  
13 of Public Defender Investigators; and Los Angeles County  
14 Association of Environmental Health Specialists; and  
15 Unrepresented employees (all)

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17 No reportable action was taken.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter  
2 Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of  
3 California, do hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the  
5 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 4, 2006,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as  
9 archived in the office of the reporter and which  
10 have been provided to the Los Angeles County Board of  
11 Supervisors as certified by me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th  
16 day of April 2006 for the County records to be used only for  
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
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